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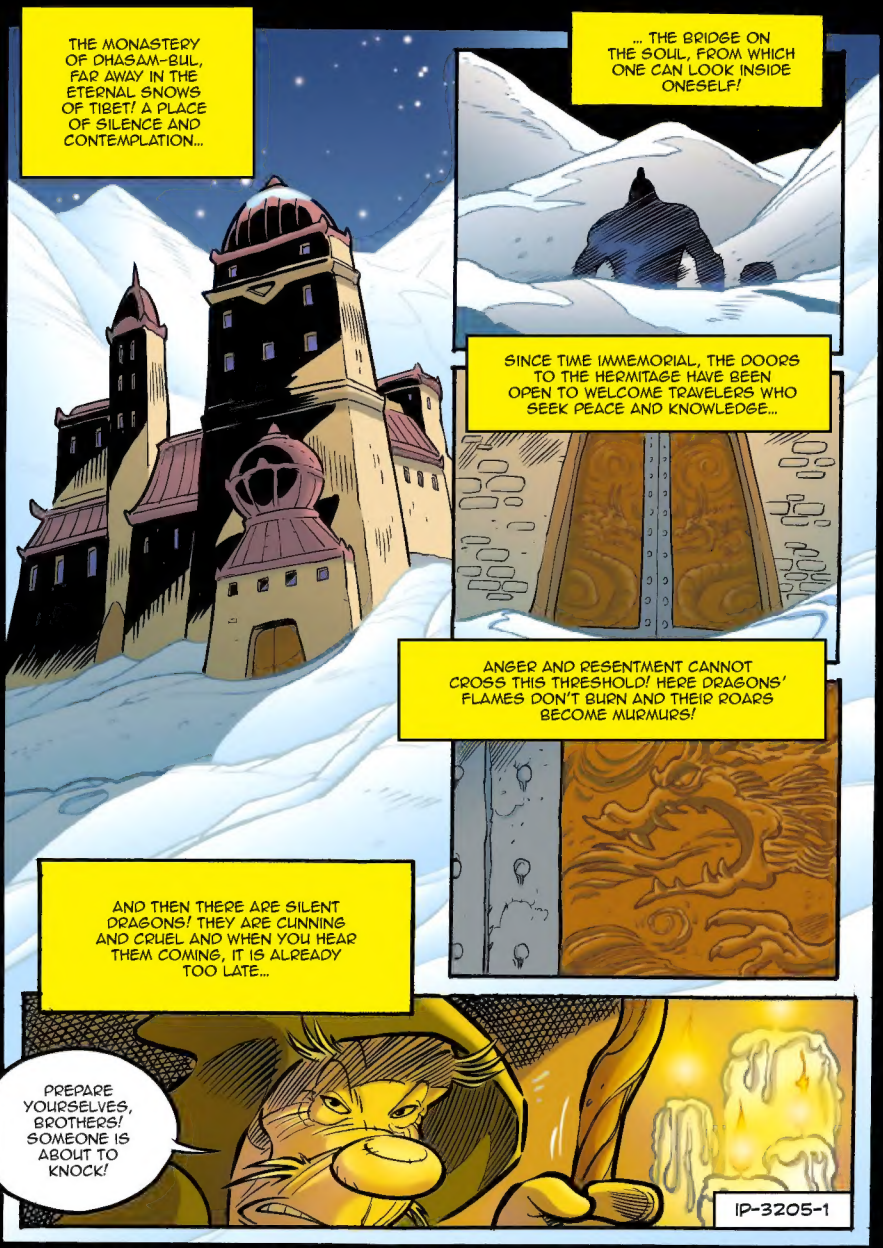
THE MONASTERY OF DHASAM-BUL, FAR AWAY IN THE ETERNAL SNOWS OF TIBET! A PLACE OF SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION...
... THE BRIDGE ON THE SOUL, FROM WHICH ONE CAN LOOK INSIDE ONESELF!
SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, THE DOORS TO THE HERMITAGE HAVE BEEN OPEN TO WELCOME TRAVELERS WHO SEEK PEACE AND KNOWLEDGE...
ANGER AND RESENTMENT CANNOT CROSS THIS THRESHOLD! HERE DRAGONS' FLAMES DON'T BURN AND THEIR ROARS BECOME MURMURS!
AND THEN THERE ARE SILENT DRAGONS! THEY ARE CUNNING AND CRUEL AND WHEN YOU HEAR THEM COMING, IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE...
PREPARE YOURSELVES, BROTHERS! SOMEONE IS ABOUT TO KNOCK!
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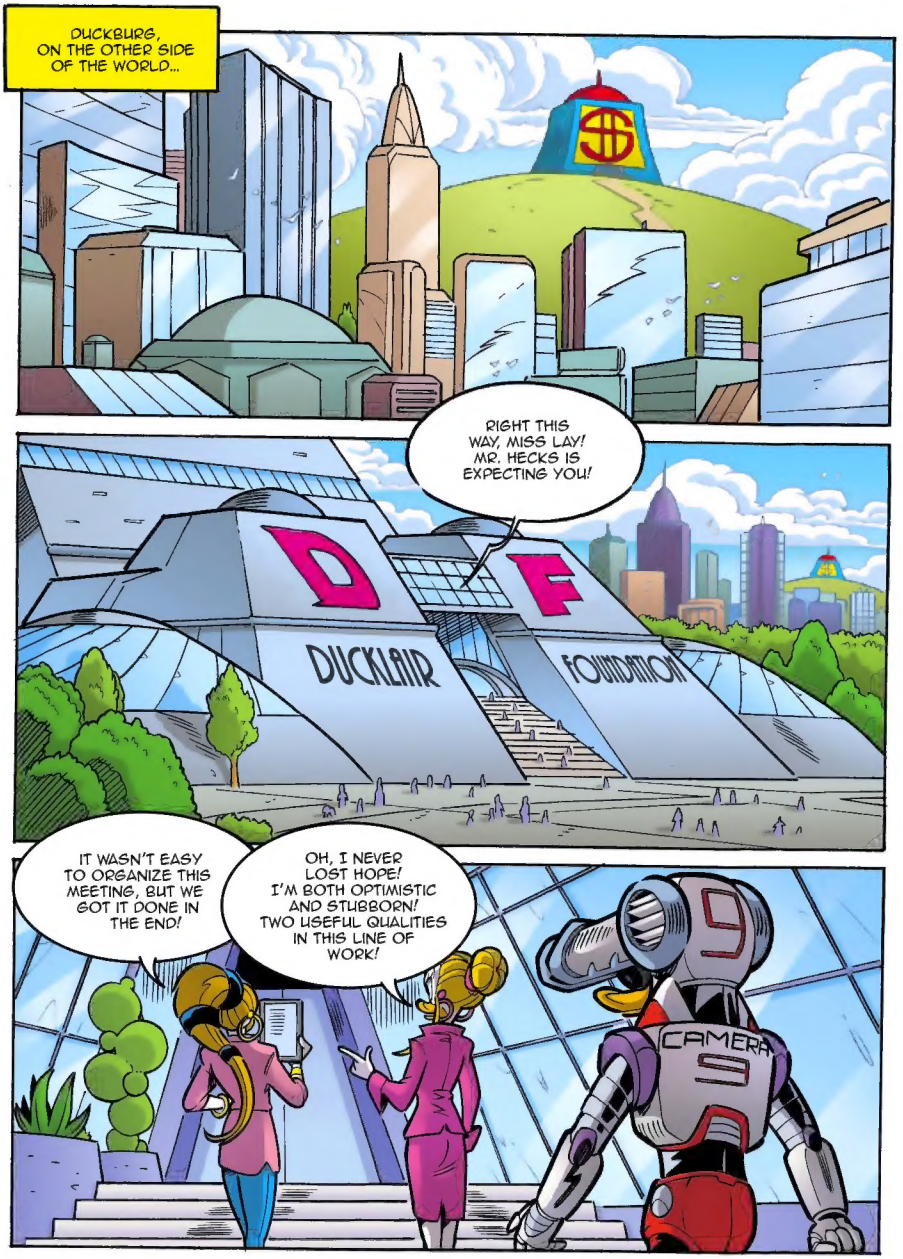
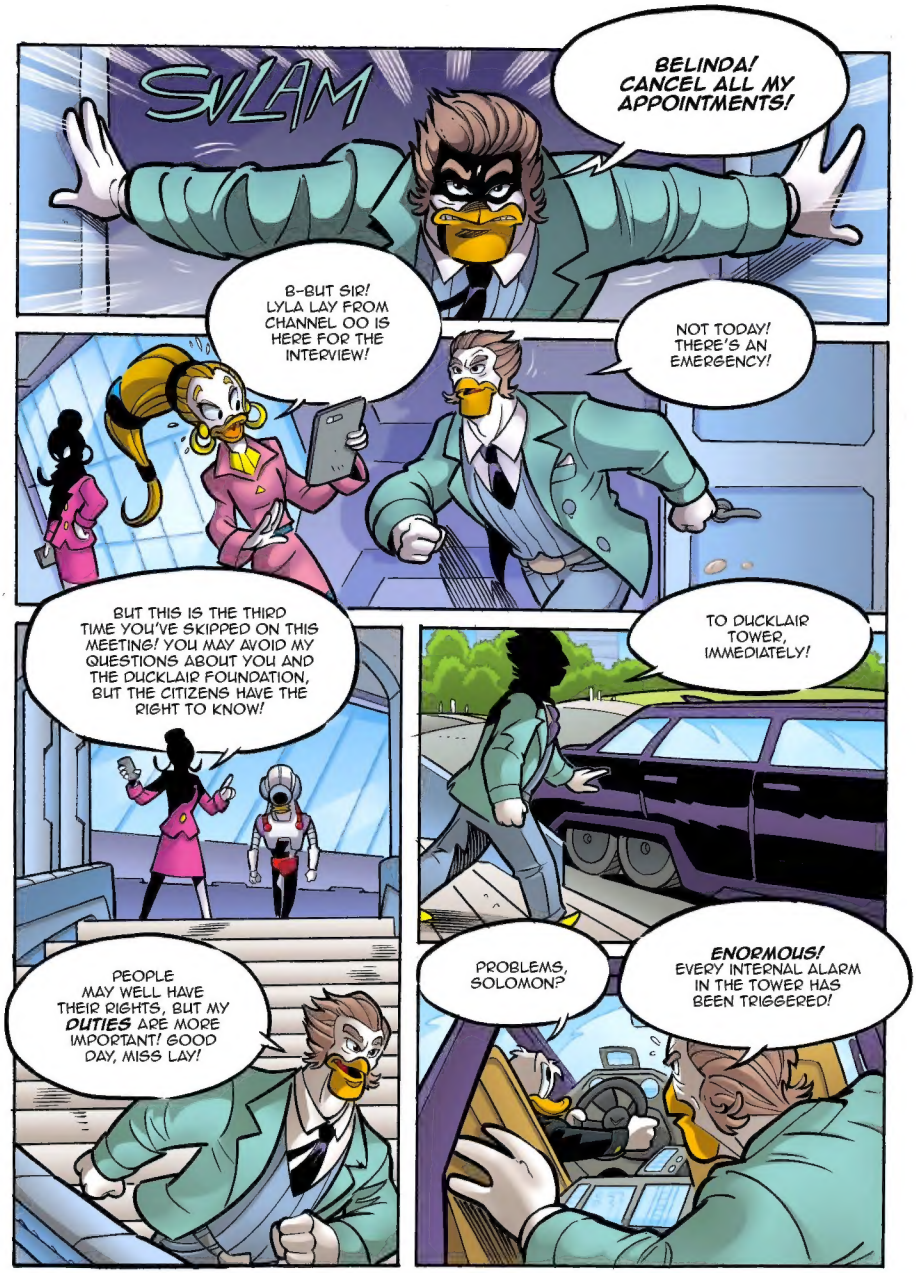
SKROOOOM
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE IS EVERETT DUCKLAIR?

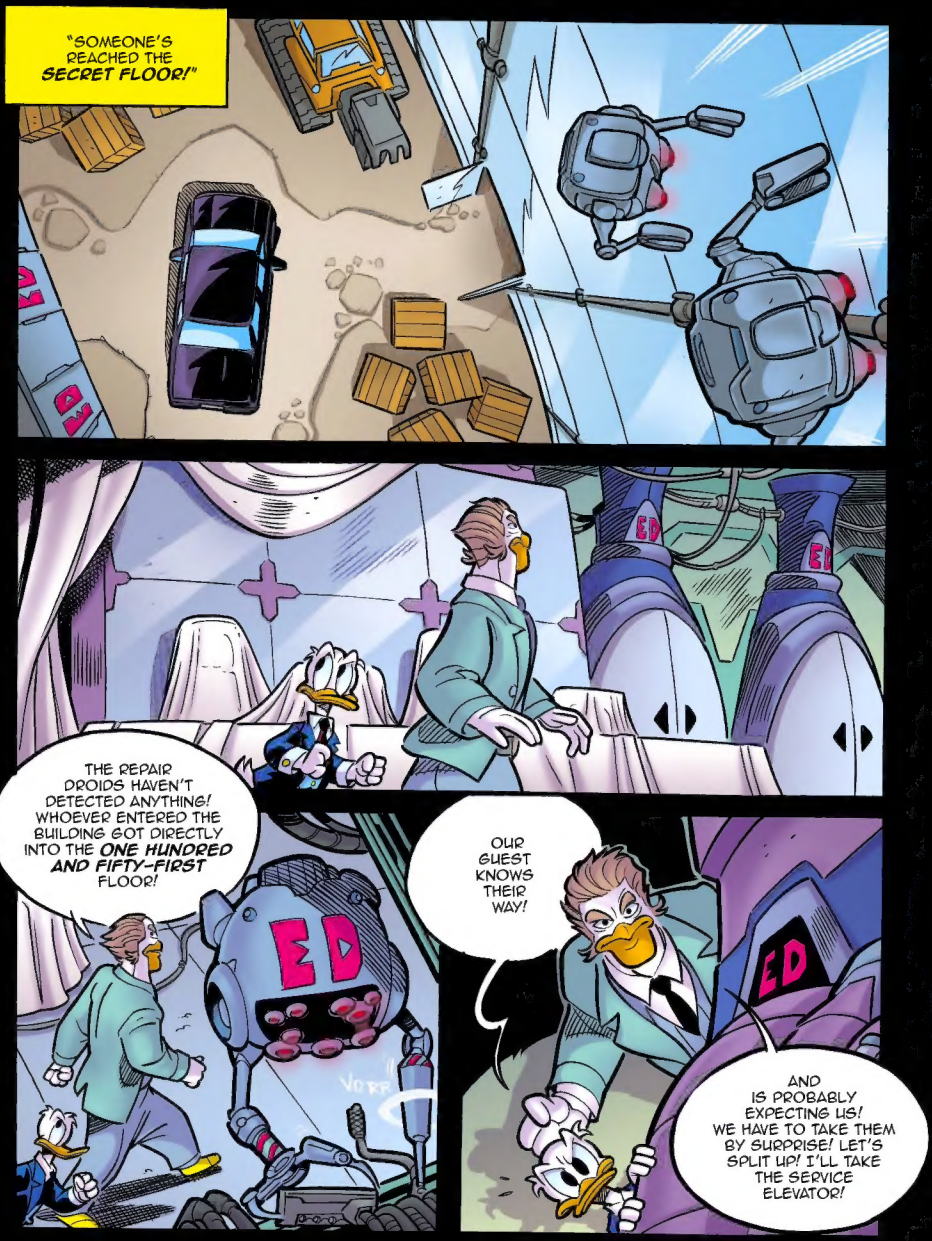
YOU HAVE TRAVELED SO FAR IN VAIN! THE ONE YOU SEEK IS NO LONGER HERE...
YOU'RE LYING, OLD MAN!
WE KNOW THAT THAT TRAITOR IS HIDING WITHIN THESE WALLS! IF HE WERE A REAL WARRIOR, HE WOULD COME FACE US...
... BUT HE'S ONLY A COWARD AND SO WE WILL FLUSH HIM OUT BY DESTROYING HIS REFUGE, STONE BY STONE!
DELIVER US DUCKLAIR AND YOUR DWELLING WILL BE SPARED... TRY TO RESIST, AND YOU WILL FACE OUR WRATH!
THE TREE WITH DEEP ROOTS DOES NOT FEAR THE STORM...

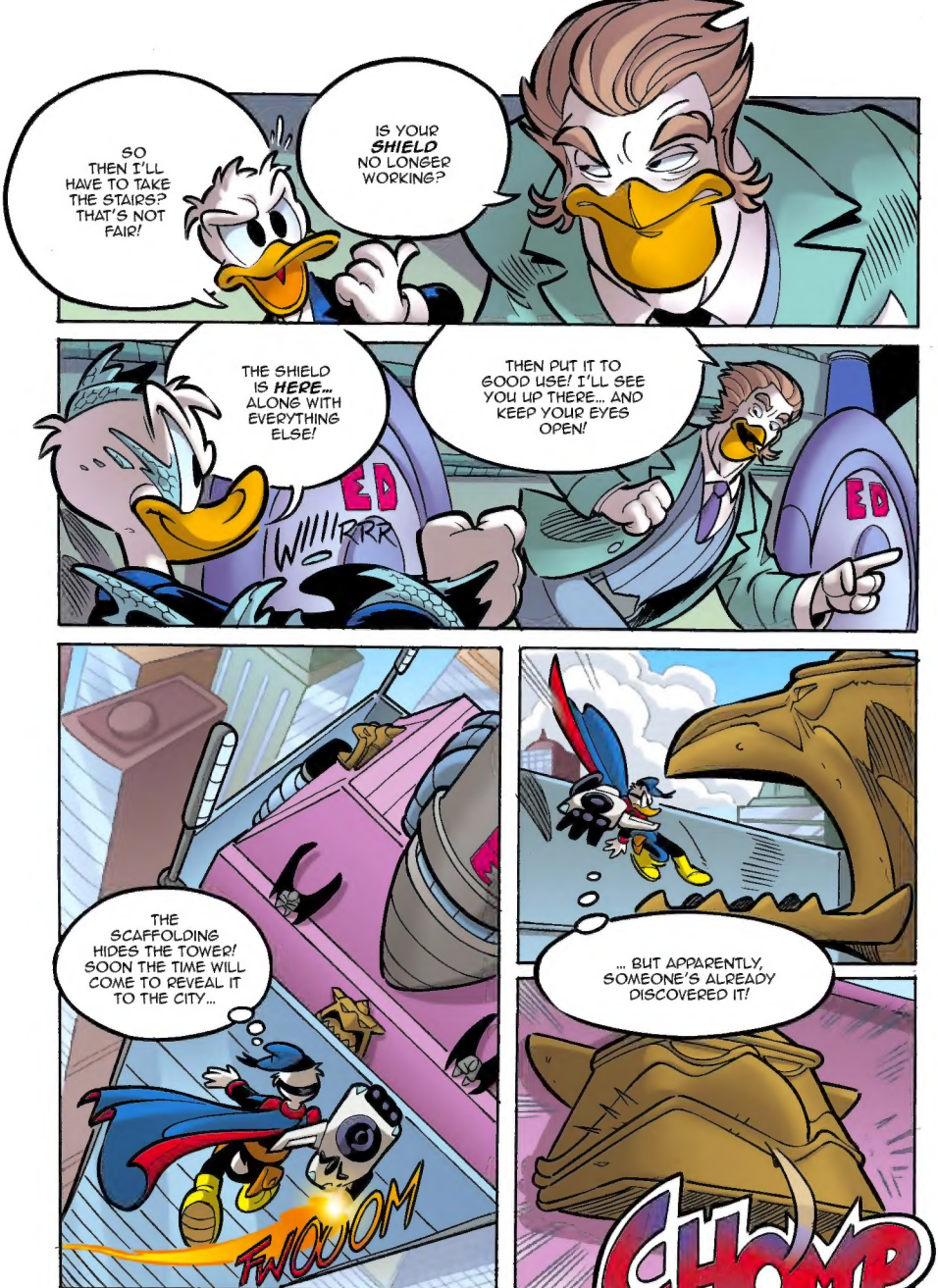
WRAAAM
ENOUGH OF THIS! SHARKAN IS TIRED OF WORDS!
THEY'RE MUCH WORSE! THE PRIOR NEEDS US!
THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE BANDITS, CHOOTAN!
KYAAAAAAAY!
SMASH
BROTHER HASTY BEAR WAS RECKLESS! THERE'S TOO MUCH ANGER IN THESE ADVERSARIES...

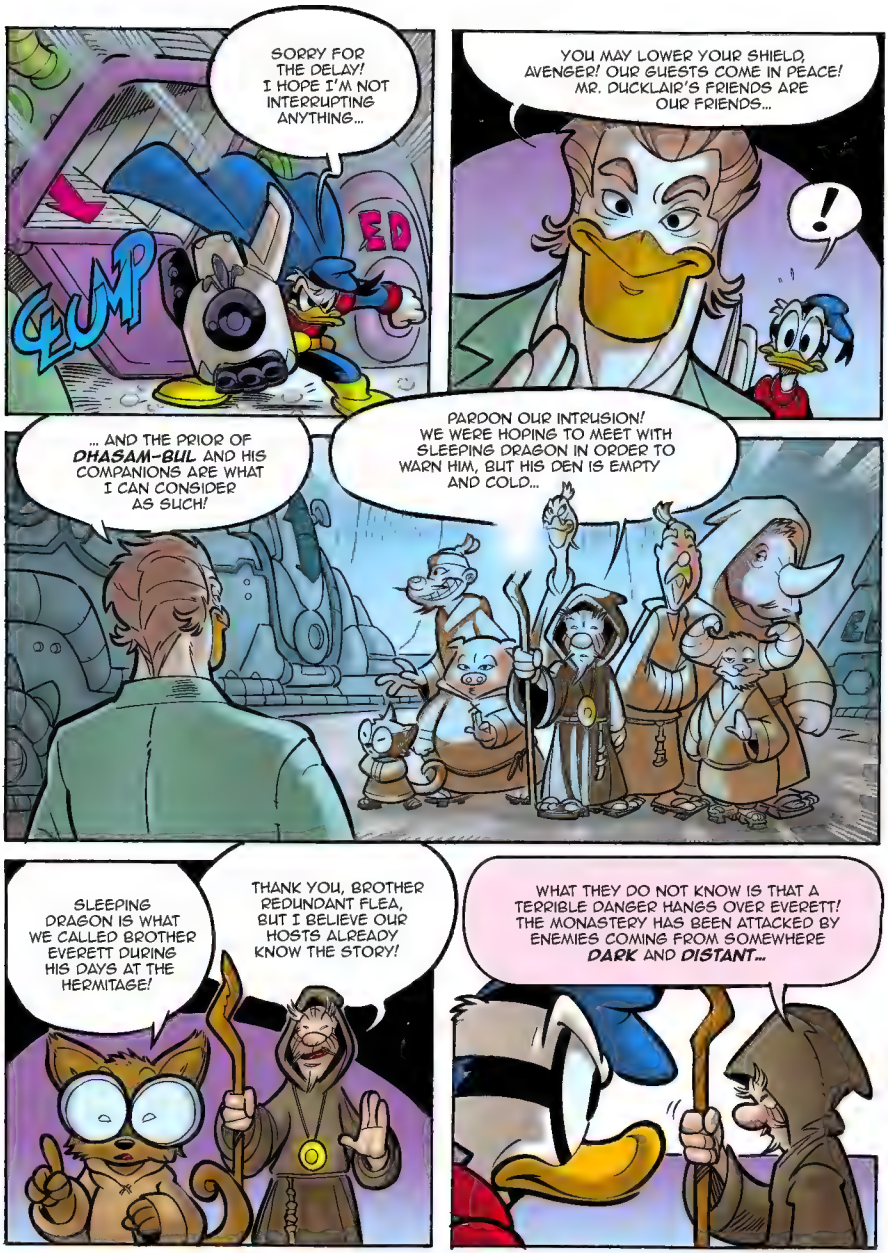
THIS FURY DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD AND WE ARE NOT READY FOR IT! WE CAN'T CONFRONT THEM!
I APPEAL TO YOU, MY BROTHERS! CONCENTRATE ON MY THOUGHTS, CHANNEL YOUR ENERGY...
WELL?
WHOOOOOOMP
... AND FOLLOW ME!
HOLY CORONA! HE VANISHED!
THIS IS NOT GOOD, GORAZ! OUR LORD WON'T BE PLEASED...
PK
IL MARCHIO DI MOLDROCK
Walt Disney
PART ONE

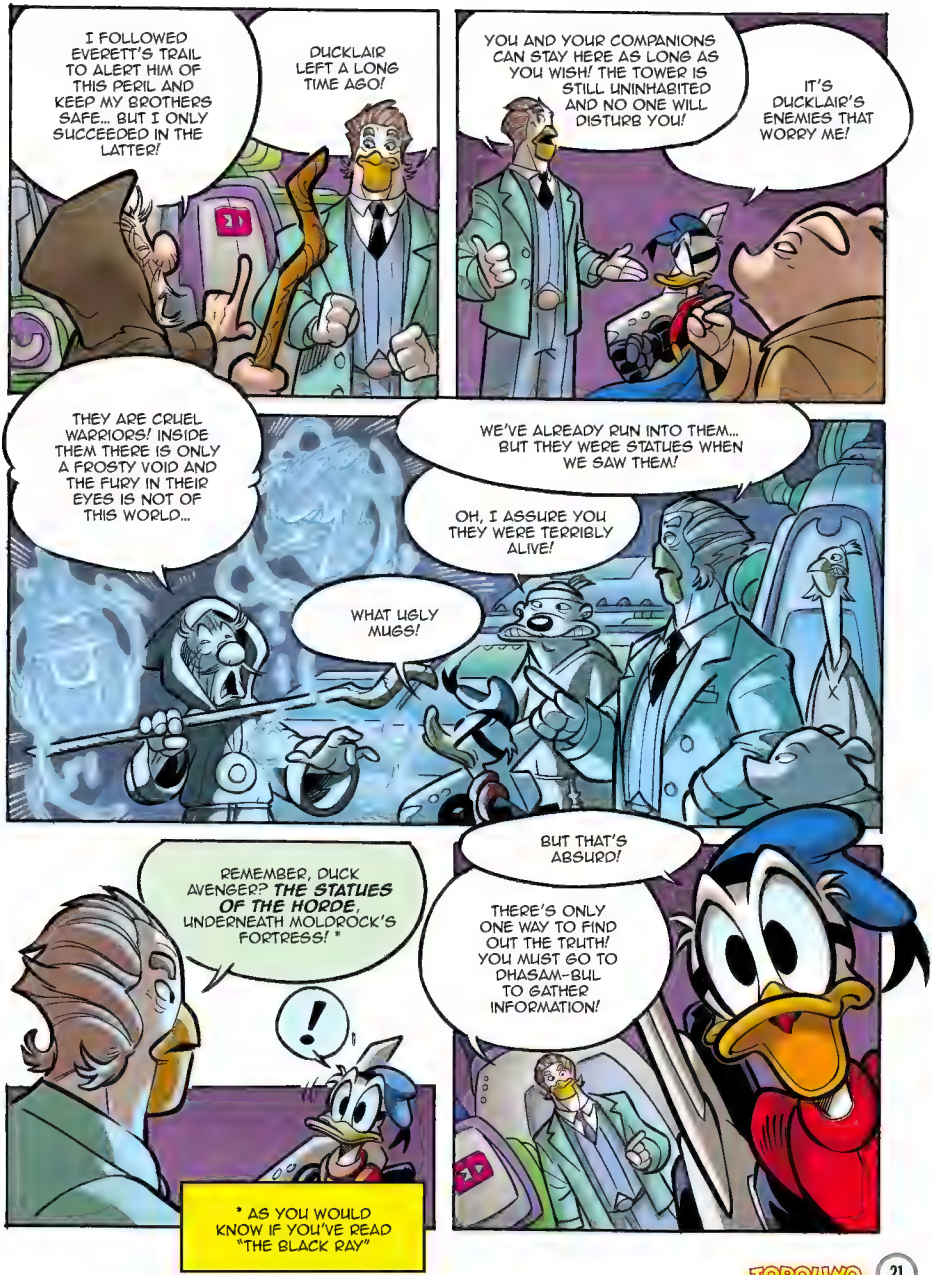

DUCKBURG, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD...
RIGHT THIS WAY, MISS LAY! MR. HECKS IS EXPECTING YOU!
DUCKLAIR
FOUNDATION
IT WASN'T EASY TO ORGANIZE THIS MEETING, BUT WE GOT IT DONE IN THE END!
OH, I NEVER LOST HOPE! I'M BOTH OPTIMISTIC AND STUBBORN! TWO USEFUL QUALITIES IN THIS LINE OF WORK!
CAMERA 9


SVLAM
BELINDA! CANCEL ALL MY APPOINTMENTS!
B-BUT SIR! LYLA LAY FROM CHANNEL OO IS HERE FOR THE INTERVIEW!
NOT TODAY! THERE'S AN EMERGENCY!
BUT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME YOU'VE SKIPPED ON THIS MEETING! YOU MAY AVOID MY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU AND THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION, BUT THE CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW!
TO DUCKLAIR TOWER, IMMEDIATELY!
PEOPLE MAY WELL HAVE THEIR RIGHTS, BUT MY DUTIES ARE MORE IMPORTANT! GOOD DAY, MISS LAY!
PROBLEMS, SOLOMON?
ENORMOUS! EVERY INTERNAL ALARM IN THE TOWER HAS BEEN TRIGGERED!

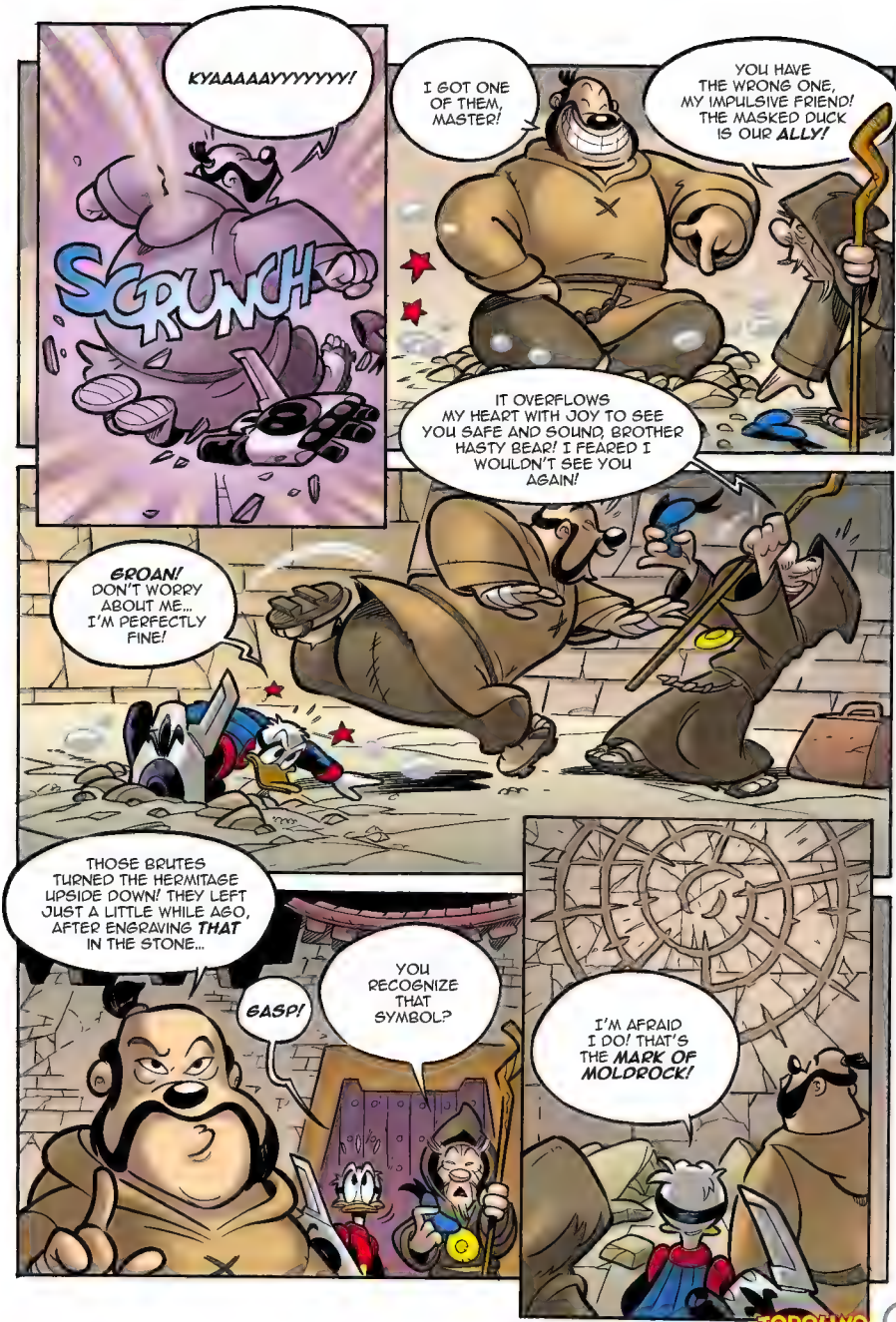

"SOMEONE'S REACHED THE SECRET FLOOR!"
THE REPAIR DROIDS HAVEN'T DETECTED ANYTHING! WHOEVER ENTERED THE BUILDING GOT DIRECTLY INTO THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST FLOOR!
OUR GUEST KNOWS THEIR WAY!
AND IS PROBABLY EXPECTING US! WE HAVE TO TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE! LET'S SPLIT UP! I'LL TAKE THE SERVICE ELEVATOR!

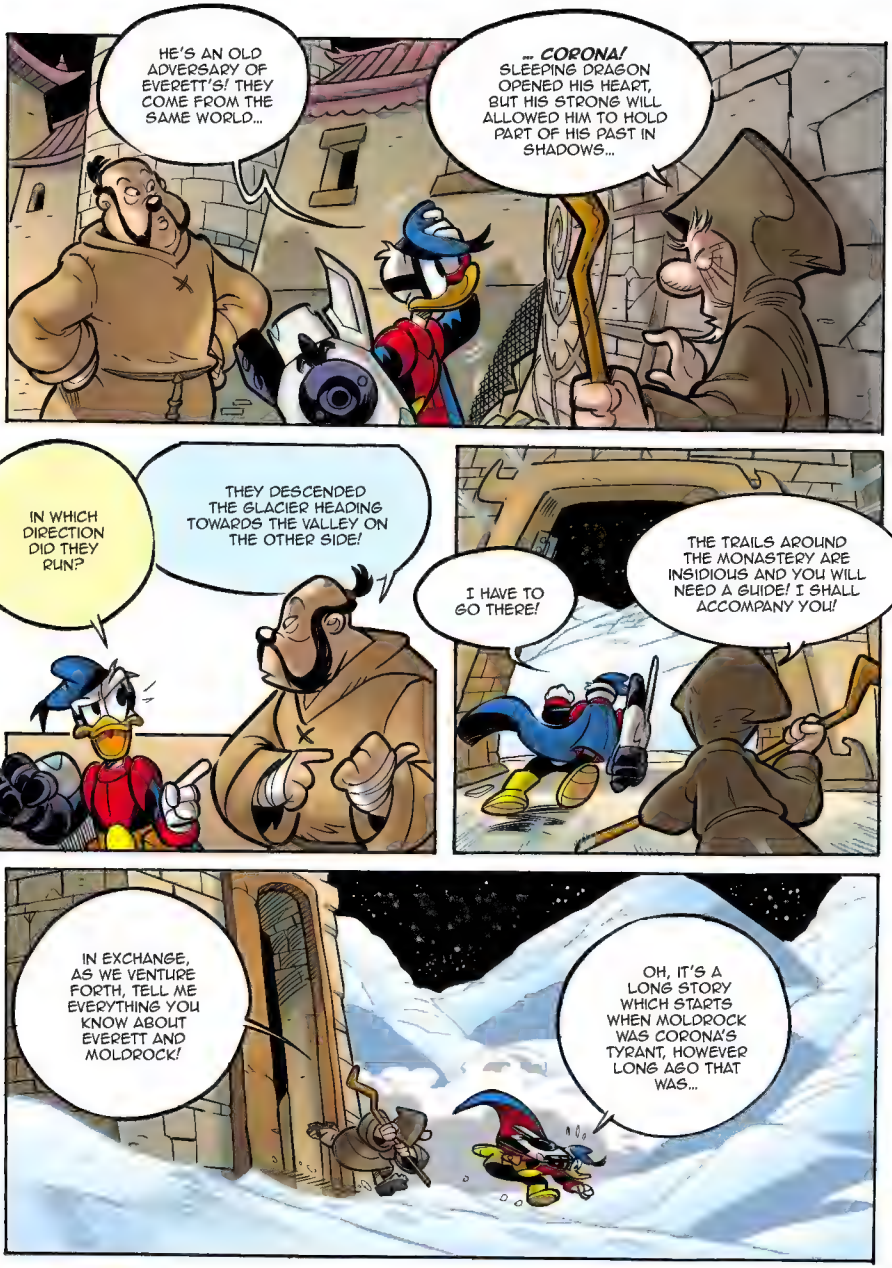

SO THEN I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE STAIRS? THAT'S NOT FAIR!
IS YOUR SHIELD NO LONGER WORKING?
THE SHIELD IS HERE... ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE!
WIIIIRRR
THEN PUT IT TO GOOD USE! I'LL SEE YOU UP THERE... AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!
ED
ED
THE SCAFFOLDING HIDES THE TOWER! SOON THE TIME WILL COME TO REVEAL IT TO THE CITY...
FWOOOM
... BUT APPARENTLY, SOMEONE'S ALREADY DISCOVERED IT!


SORRY FOR THE DELAY! I HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING...
ED
GLUMP
YOU MAY LOWER YOUR SHIELD, AVENGER! OUR GUESTS COME IN PEACE! MR. DUCKLAIR'S FRIENDS ARE OUR FRIENDS...
!
... AND THE PRIOR OF DHASAM-BUL AND HIS COMPANIONS ARE WHAT I CAN CONSIDER AS SUCH!
PARDON OUR INTRUSION! WE WERE HOPING TO MEET WITH SLEEPING DRAGON IN ORDER TO WARN HIM, BUT HIS DEN IS EMPTY AND COLD...
SLEEPING DRAGON IS WHAT WE CALLED BROTHER EVERETT DURING HIS DAYS AT THE HERMITAGE!
THANK YOU, BROTHER REDUNDANT FLEA, BUT I BELIEVE OUR HOSTS ALREADY KNOW THE STORY!
WHAT THEY DO NOT KNOW IS THAT A TERRIBLE DANGER HANGS OVER EVERETT! THE MONASTERY HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY ENEMIES COMING FROM SOMEWHERE DARK AND DISTANT...

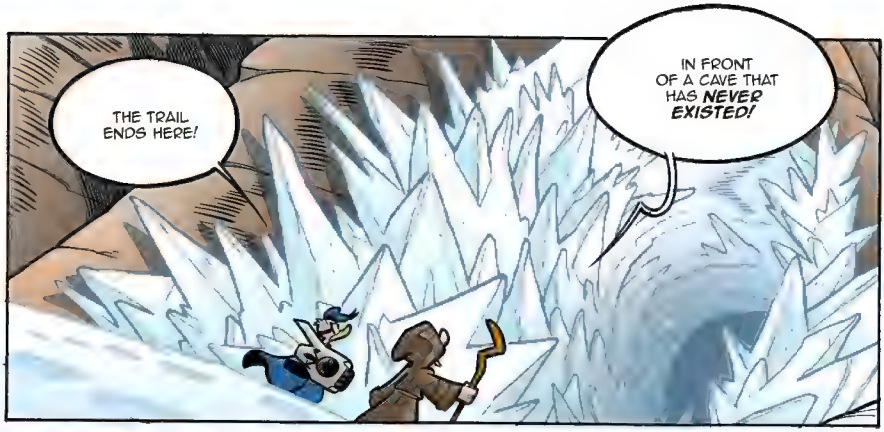

I FOLLOWED EVERETT'S TRAIL TO ALERT HIM OF THIS PERIL AND KEEP MY BROTHERS SAFE... BUT I ONLY SUCCEEDED IN THE LATTER!
DUCKLAIR LEFT A LONG TIME AGO!
YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS CAN STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU WISH! THE TOWER IS STILL UNINHABITED AND NO ONE WILL DISTURB YOU!
IT'S DUCKLAIR'S ENEMIES THAT WORRY ME!
THEY ARE CRUEL WARRIORS! INSIDE THEM THERE IS ONLY A FROSTY VOID AND THE FURY IN THEIR EYES IS NOT OF THIS WORLD...
WE'VE ALREADY RUN INTO THEM... BUT THEY WERE STATUES WHEN WE SAW THEM!
OH, I ASSURE YOU THEY WERE TERRIBLY ALIVE!
WHAT UGLY MUGS!
REMEMBER, DUCK AVENGER? THE STATUES OF THE HORDE, UNDERNEATH MOLDROCK'S FORTRESS! *
!
BUT THAT'S ABSURD!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH! YOU MUST GO TO DHASAM-BUL TO GATHER INFORMATION!
* AS YOU WOULD KNOW IF YOU'VE READ "THE BLACK RAY"

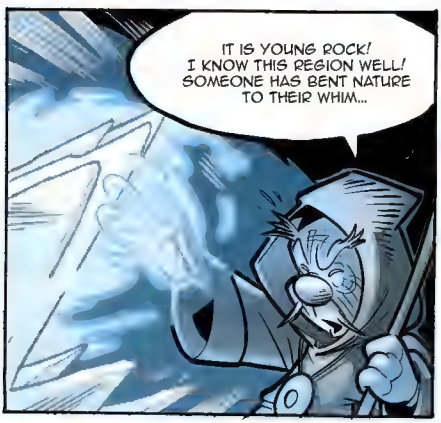
I NEED DATA! ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS, BIOMOLECULAR FINDINGS AND EVERYTHING THAT WILL BE USEFUL TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSAILANTS!
AND I'LL NEED A GOOD EXCUSE FOR DAISY! I PROMISED HER WE'D GO TO THE MOVIES TONIGHT!
THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR THAT! THE JOURNEY WILL BE SHORT AND WE WILL BE BACK QUICK! WE WILL ARRIVE AT DHASAM-BUL IN AN INSTANT, JUST AS HOW WE GOT HERE!
TAP
SOME CALL THIS TELEPORTATION, BUT I PREFER TO DEFINE IT AS OMNI-TRANSMIGRATION...
WOAH! CALL IT WHATEVER YOU LIKE! WHAT I CARE ABOUT IS GETTING THERE IN ONE PIECE!
THE MONASTERY WAS NOT AS FORTUNATE! THOSE TWO CREATURES LEFT ONLY DEVASTATION BEHIND THEM...
WELL, YOU STAY BEHIND ME! THEY COULD STILL BE NEARBY AND...

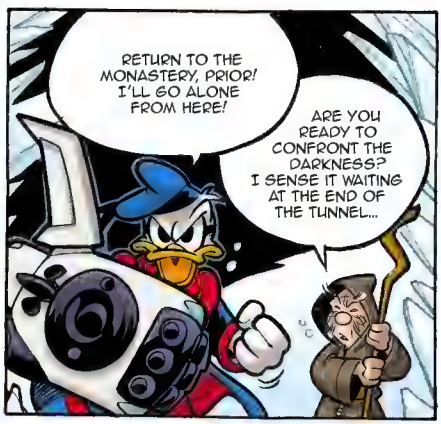

KYAAAAAYYYYYYY!
SCRUNCH
I GOT ONE OF THEM, MASTER!
YOU HAVE THE WRONG ONE, MY IMPULSIVE FRIEND! THE MASKED DUCK IS OUR ALLY!
IT OVERFLOWS MY HEART WITH JOY TO SEE YOU SAFE AND SOUND, BROTHER HASTY BEAR! I FEARED I WOULDN'T SEE YOU AGAIN!
GROAN! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME... I'M PERFECTLY FINE!
THOSE BRUTES TURNED THE HERMITAGE UPSIDE DOWN! THEY LEFT JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, AFTER ENGRAVING THAT IN THE STONE...
GASP!
YOU RECOGNIZE THAT SYMBOL?
I'M AFRAID I DO! THAT'S THE MARK OF MOLDROCK!

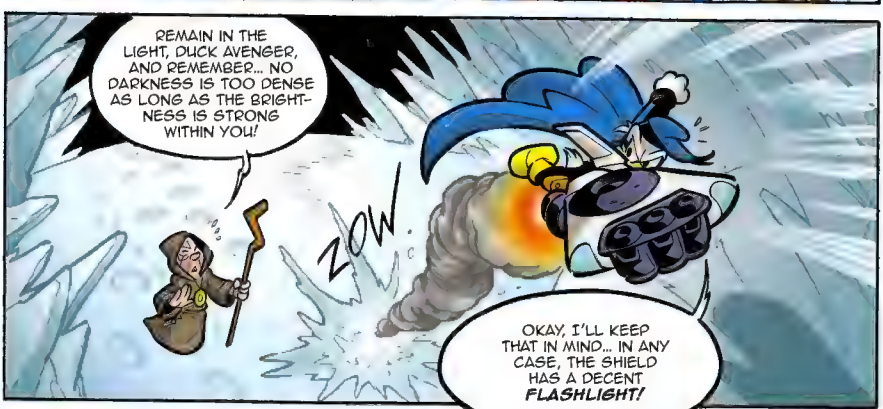

HE'S AN OLD ADVERSARY OF EVERETT'S! THEY COME FROM THE SAME WORLD...
... CORONA! SLEEPING DRAGON OPENED HIS HEART, BUT HIS STRONG WILL ALLOWED HIM TO HOLD PART OF HIS PAST IN SHADOWS...
IN WHICH DIRECTION DID THEY RUN?
THEY DESCENDED THE GLACIER HEADING TOWARDS THE VALLEY ON THE OTHER SIDE!
I HAVE TO GO THERE!
THE TRAILS AROUND THE MONASTERY ARE INSIDIOUS AND YOU WILL NEED A GUIDE! I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU!
IN EXCHANGE, AS WE VENTURE FORTH, TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT EVERETT AND MOLDROCK!
OH, IT'S A LONG STORY WHICH STARTS WHEN MOLDROCK WAS CORONA'S TYRANT, HOWEVER LONG AGO THAT WAS...

HE BECAME THE RULER OF HIS PLANET THANKS TO THE BLACK RAY...
... AN EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN!
...
...
... AND THAT'S MORE OR LESS EVERYTHING! BUT IT SEEMS THE STORY IS NOT YET OVER...
... AND THESE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW PROVE IT!

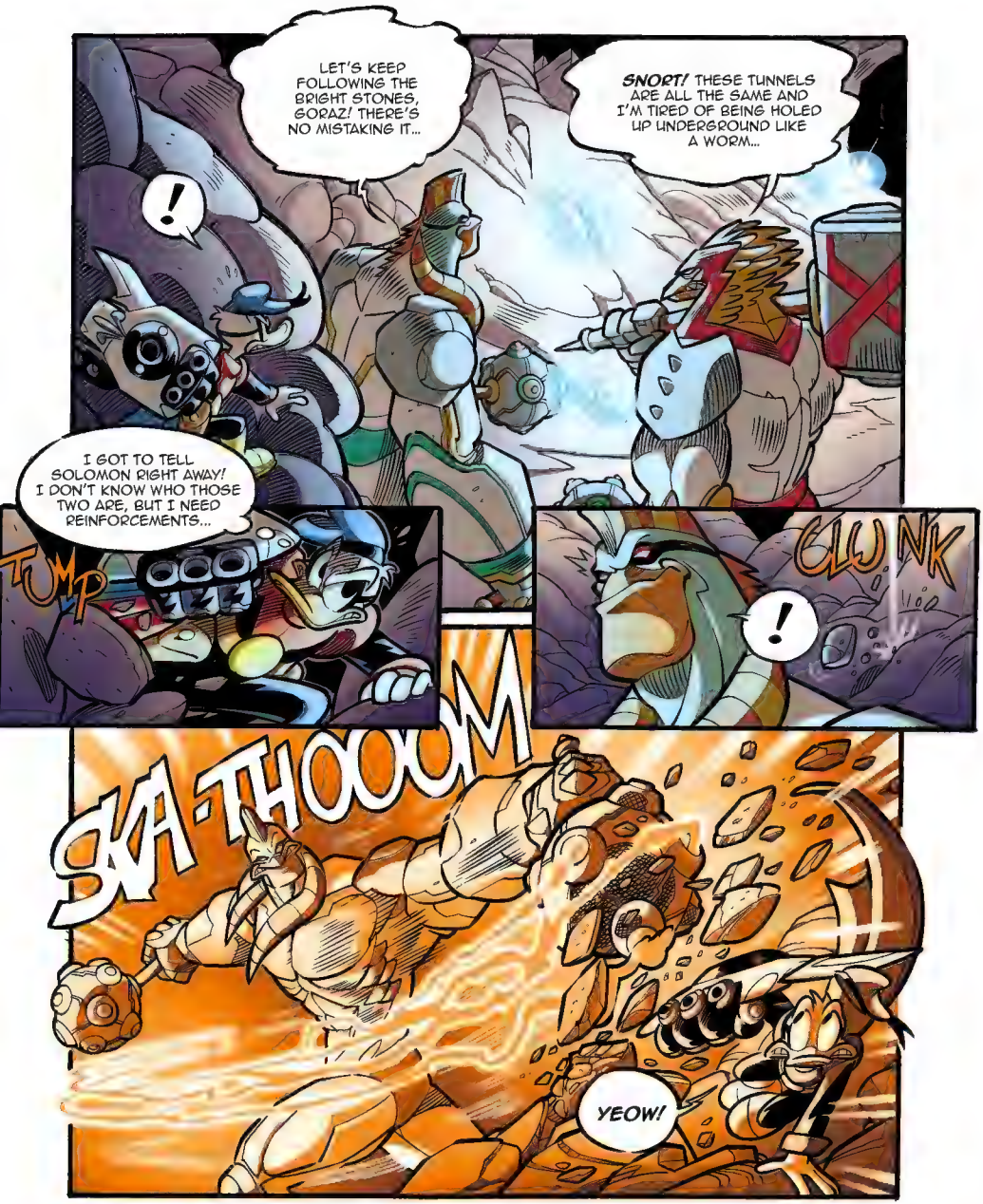

THE TRAIL ENDS HERE!
IN FRONT OF A CAVE THAT HAS NEVER EXISTED!


IT IS YOUNG ROCK! I KNOW THIS REGION WELL! SOMEONE HAS BENT NATURE TO THEIR WHIM...


RETURN TO THE MONASTERY, PRIOR! I'LL GO ALONE FROM HERE!
ARE YOU READY TO CONFRONT THE DARKNESS? I SENSE IT WAITING AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL...


REMAIN IN THE LIGHT, DUCK AVENGER, AND REMEMBER... NO DARKNESS IS TOO DENSE AS LONG AS THE BRIGHTNESS IS STRONG WITHIN YOU!
ZOW
OKAY, I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND... IN ANY CASE, THE SHIELD HAS A DECENT FLASHLIGHT!

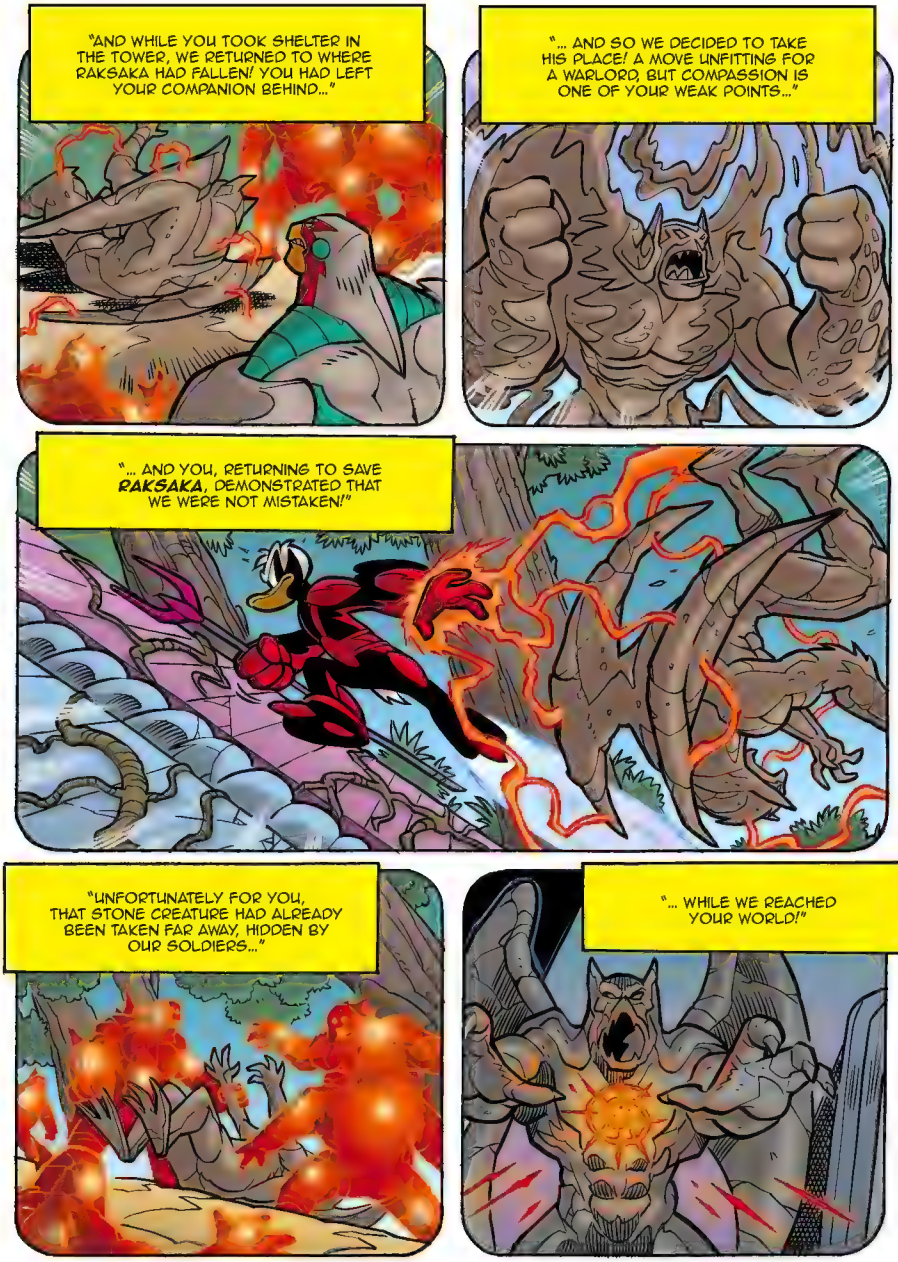
THIS PASSAGE IS HUMONGOUS! THOSE TWO GUYS MUST BE QUITE LARGE! COME TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T FACE AS MANY TINY ENEMIES AS I USED TO...
... AND I CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO HIT THE GYM!
BUT ON SECOND THOUGHT... I'D PREFER THE TRAIN!
SOMETHING'S SHINING DOWN BELOW! IF IT'S NOT THE LIGHTS OF AN INCOMING TRAIN, I MUST BE NEAR THE EXIT!


LET'S KEEP FOLLOWING THE BRIGHT STONES, GORAZ! THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT...
SNORT! THESE TUNNELS ARE ALL THE SAME AND I'M TIRED OF BEING HOLED UP UNDERGROUND LIKE A WORM...
!
I GOT TO TELL SOLOMON RIGHT AWAY! I DON'T KNOW WHO THOSE TWO ARE, BUT I NEED REINFORCEMENTS...
TUMP
CLUNK
!
SKA-THOOOM
YEOW!

IT'S THE TERRESTRIAL DUCK... URGH!
WELL, THAT WAS EASY TO GUESS! SO WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE? NO HINTS, PLEASE! I WANT TO FIGURE IT OUT ON MY OWN...
SMASH
THE FLASHY COSTUMES, THE UNNECESSARILY CUMBERSOME WEAPONS... OF COURSE! YOU TWO ARE COSPLAYERS!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, INSECT!
KRUNG
OH, FORGET IT! IT WOULD BE TOO COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN!
KZZLLLZAP
NNNGH!
I'LL WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE! PERMANENTLY!
WELL, THAT WOULD MAKE THINGS TERRIBLY BORING!
FTUP
GNNN! WHAT... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY WEAPON?
GIVEN IT A LITTLE DOSE OF MY GRAVITATIONAL COMMUTATOR! IT CAN MAKE THINGS REALLY LIGHT OR REALLY HEAVY...

EEEEEGH!
THIS SHIELD IS FULL OF SURPRISES! LET ME TELL YOU ALL ABOUT MY BRADIONIC PARALYZER!
CHUD
ANOTHER TIME, PERHAPS!
GULP!
TAKE IT EASY! THAT WAS A NEW CAPE! ALRIGHT, IT'S MADE OUT OF NANOELECTRIC FIBERS, BUT IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS!
IIIRRR
COMING HERE ALL BY YOURSELF... YOU'RE EITHER VERY BRAVE OR VERY STUPID! WE'LL FIND OUT SOON!
LEAVE HIM BE, RAGNAR! AT THIS POINT, WE CAN CONSIDER HIM A FRIEND!
YOU!

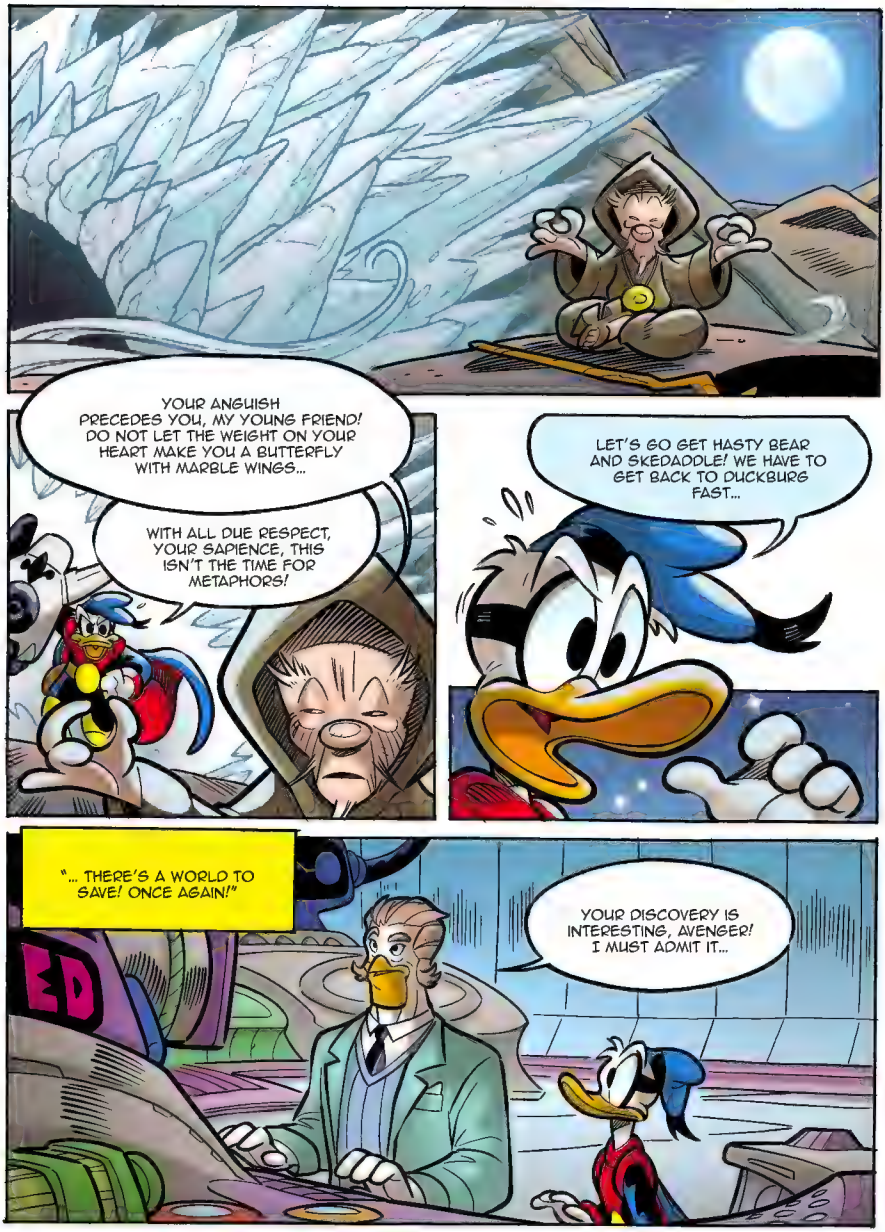
WE, MOLDROCK!
T-THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! YOU... YOU SHOULD BE IN EVERETT'S PRISON!
WE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME IN THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE, BUT THANKS TO YOU WE ARE FINALLY FREE!
THANKS TO ME? THAT'S A BUNCH OF NONSENSE, MOLDROCK!
AND IF THAT'S WHAT THE VOICES IN YOUR HEAD TOLD YOU, THEN YOU'VE BEEN TOLD A LIE!
WE COULD ERASE YOU IN ONE MOTION, LITTLE DUCK... BUT THE TRUTH WILL HURT MORE! REMEMBER OUR LAST ENCOUNTER?
"YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD BEATEN US BY DRAGGING US AWAY FROM THE BATTLEFIELD WITH YOUR TRICKERY..."
FWHAAAM!

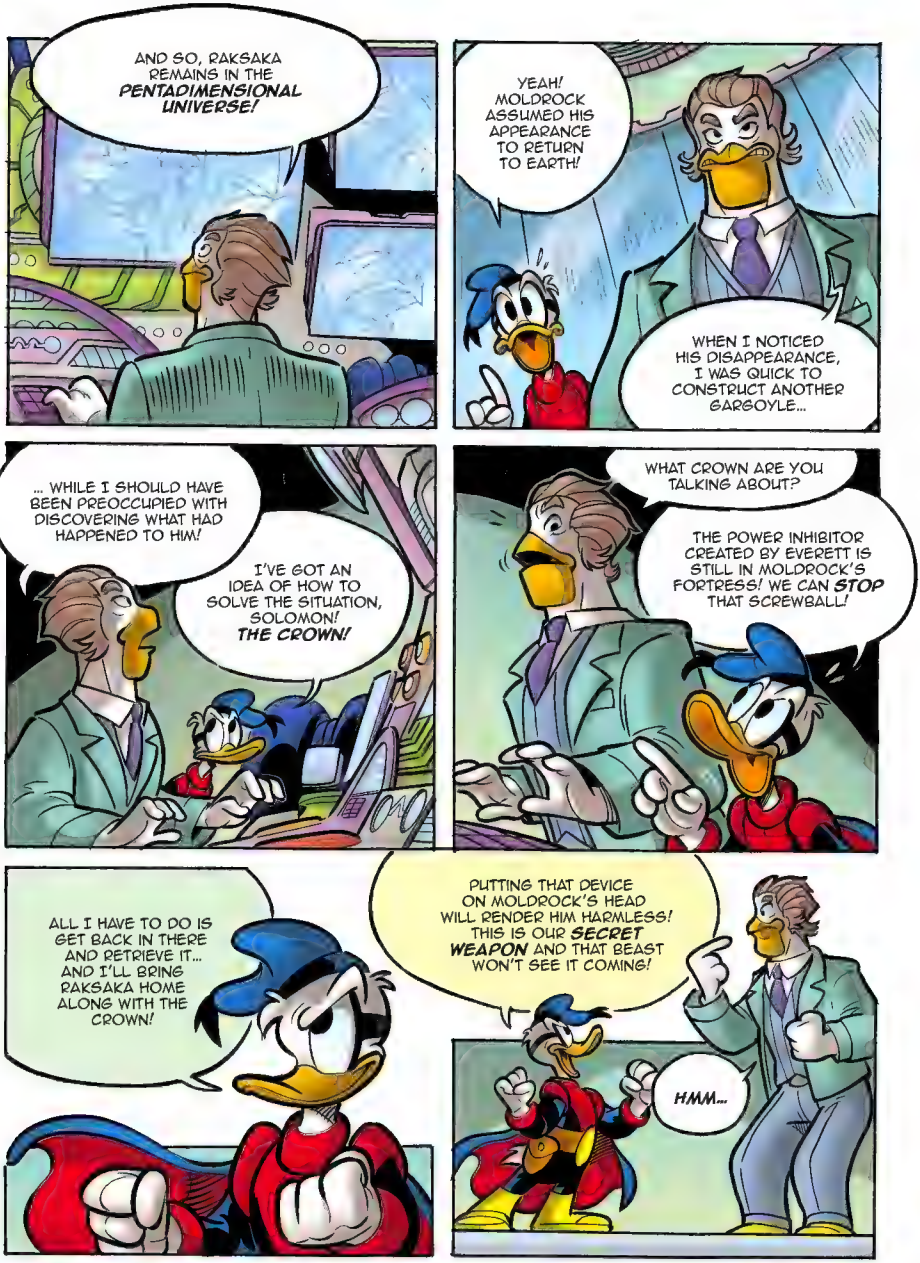

"AND WHILE YOU TOOK SHELTER IN THE TOWER, WE RETURNED TO WHERE RAKSAKA HAD FALLEN! YOU HAD LEFT YOUR COMPANION BEHIND..."
"... AND SO WE DECIDED TO TAKE HIS PLACE! A MOVE UNFITTING FOR A WARLORD, BUT COMPASSION IS ONE OF YOUR WEAK POINTS..."
"... AND YOU, RETURNING TO SAVE RAKSAKA, DEMONSTRATED THAT WE WERE NOT MISTAKEN!"
"UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THAT STONE CREATURE HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN FAR AWAY, HIDDEN BY OUR SOLDIERS..."
"... WHILE WE REACHED YOUR WORLD!"

"HERE, WITHOUT THE CONSTRAINT CREATED FOR US BY EVERETT DUCKLAIR, OUR POWER WAS ABSOLUTE! WE HAD TOTAL CONTROL OVER MATTER!
WE OPENED UP A PATH IN THE SUBSOIL, CREATING A SAFE HAVEN...
... WHERE WE COULD PREPARE FOR A NEW BATTLE, AND HERE WE USED OUR ENERGY TO RESTORE FORM...
... TO A FEW OF THE SEVEN WARRIORS OF THE HORDE, WHOSE VITAL ENERGY WE'VE PRESERVED! TODAY THERE ARE FEWER VOICES IN OUR HEAD...
... AND SOON THESE LOYAL GENERALS WILL ALL BE FREE AND READY TO FIGHT AT OUR SIDE!
LEAVE HIM TO ME, MOLDROCK! I GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM...
NO, GORAZ! WE NEED THE DUCK ALIVE! WE MUST ENTRUST HIM WITH AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

WE WANT YOU TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENTS OF YOUR PLANET OF OUR ARRIVAL! EVERYONE MUST KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE...
... AND THAT WE COME IN PEACE!
!
PEACE? I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT WORD!
WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR WORLD! IF WE HAD WANTED TO CONQUER IT, YOU WOULD ALREADY BE BOUND TO A CHAIN...
AND IF WE HAD WANTED TO DESTROY IT, IT WOULD ALREADY BE DUST IN THE COSMOS! WE HAVE ONE SOLE OBJECTIVE...
... TO RETURN TO CORONA AND RECLAIM OUR KINGDOM!

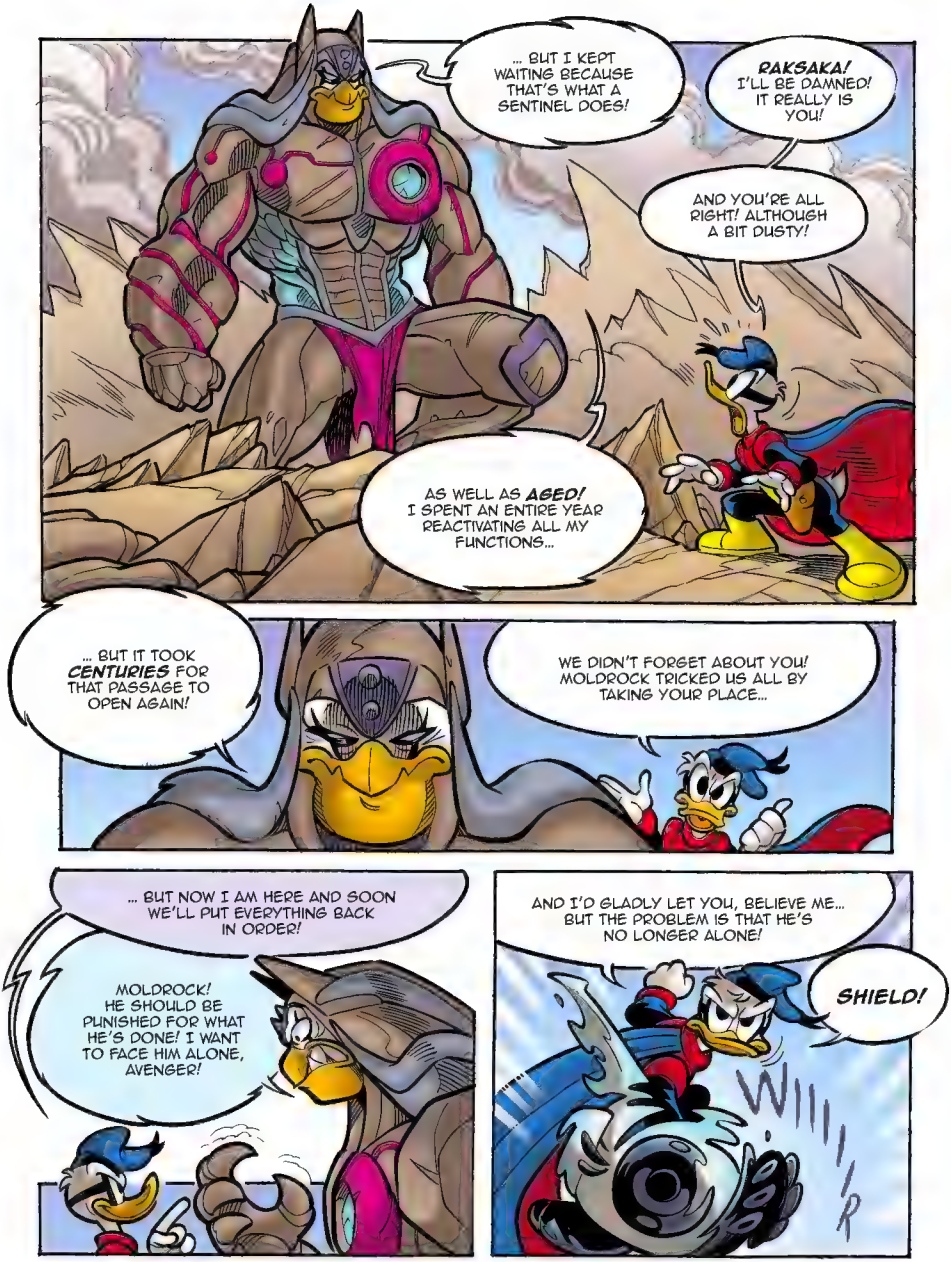
ALL YOU EARTHLINGS WILL HAVE TO DO IS **DELIVER TO US** THE LOATHSOME EVERETT DUCKLAIR...
... AND **CONSTRUCT A SPACECRAFT** FOR US TO TRAVEL TO OUR FARAWAY PLANET!
I GET THE FELLING I'LL HAVE TO ASK DAISY TO POSTPONE OUR DATE...
COME AGAIN?
UH... I SAID THAT WHAT YOU'RE ASKING IS NOT ALL THAT EASY... I DON'T KNOW WHERE EVERETT IS AND NO EARTHLING WILL LISTEN TO ME!
YOU ARE CONSIDERED A HERO, DUCK! **THEY WILL HAVE TO!**
YOU OVER-ESTIMATE ME, MOLDROCK!
DO WHAT WE ASK OF YOU AND DO NOT DISAPPOINT US...
... BECAUSE IF YOU FAIL, THE EARTHLINGS WILL KNOW OUR **FURY!**

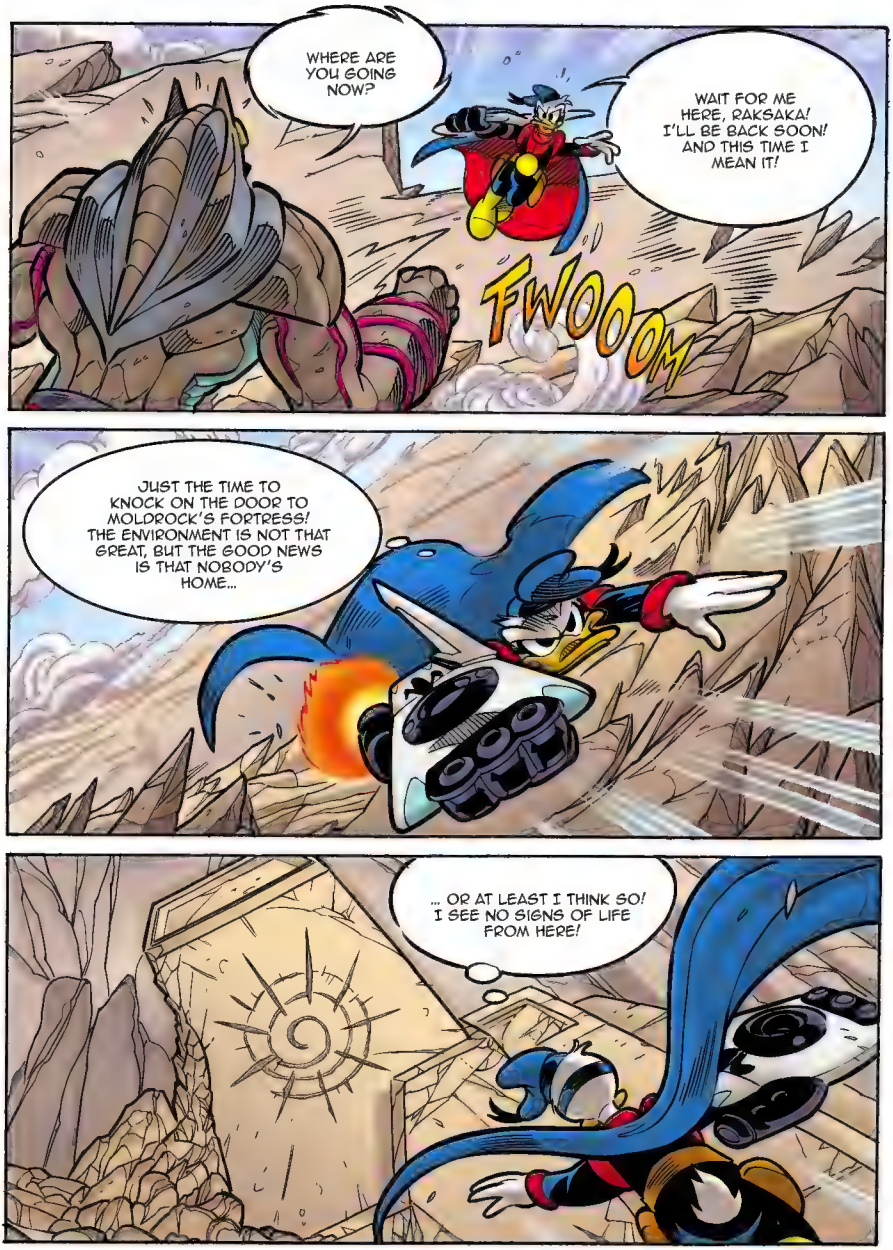

YOUR ANGUISH PRECEDES YOU, MY YOUNG FRIEND! DO NOT LET THE WEIGHT ON YOUR HEART MAKE YOU A BUTTERFLY WITH MARBLE WINGS...
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, YOUR SAPIENCE, THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR METAPHORS!
LET'S GO GET HASTY BEAR AND SKEDADDLE! WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO DUCKBURG FAST...
"... THERE'S A WORLD TO SAVE! ONCE AGAIN!"
YOUR DISCOVERY IS INTERESTING, AVENGER! I MUST ADMIT IT...


AND SO, RAKSAKA REMAINS IN THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE!
YEAH! MOLDROCK ASSUMED HIS APPEARANCE TO RETURN TO EARTH!
WHEN I NOTICED HIS DISAPPEARANCE, I WAS QUICK TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER GARGOYLE...
... WHILE I SHOULD HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH DISCOVERING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA OF HOW TO SOLVE THE SITUATION, SOLOMON! THE CROWN!
WHAT CROWN ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE POWER INHIBITOR CREATED BY EVERETT IS STILL IN MOLDROCK'S FORTRESS! WE CAN STOP THAT SCREWBALL!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET BACK IN THERE AND RETRIEVE IT... AND I'LL BRING RAKSAKA HOME ALONG WITH THE CROWN!
PUTTING THAT DEVICE ON MOLDROCK'S HEAD WILL RENDER HIM HARMLESS! THIS IS OUR SECRET WEAPON AND THAT BEAST WON'T SEE IT COMING!
HMM...

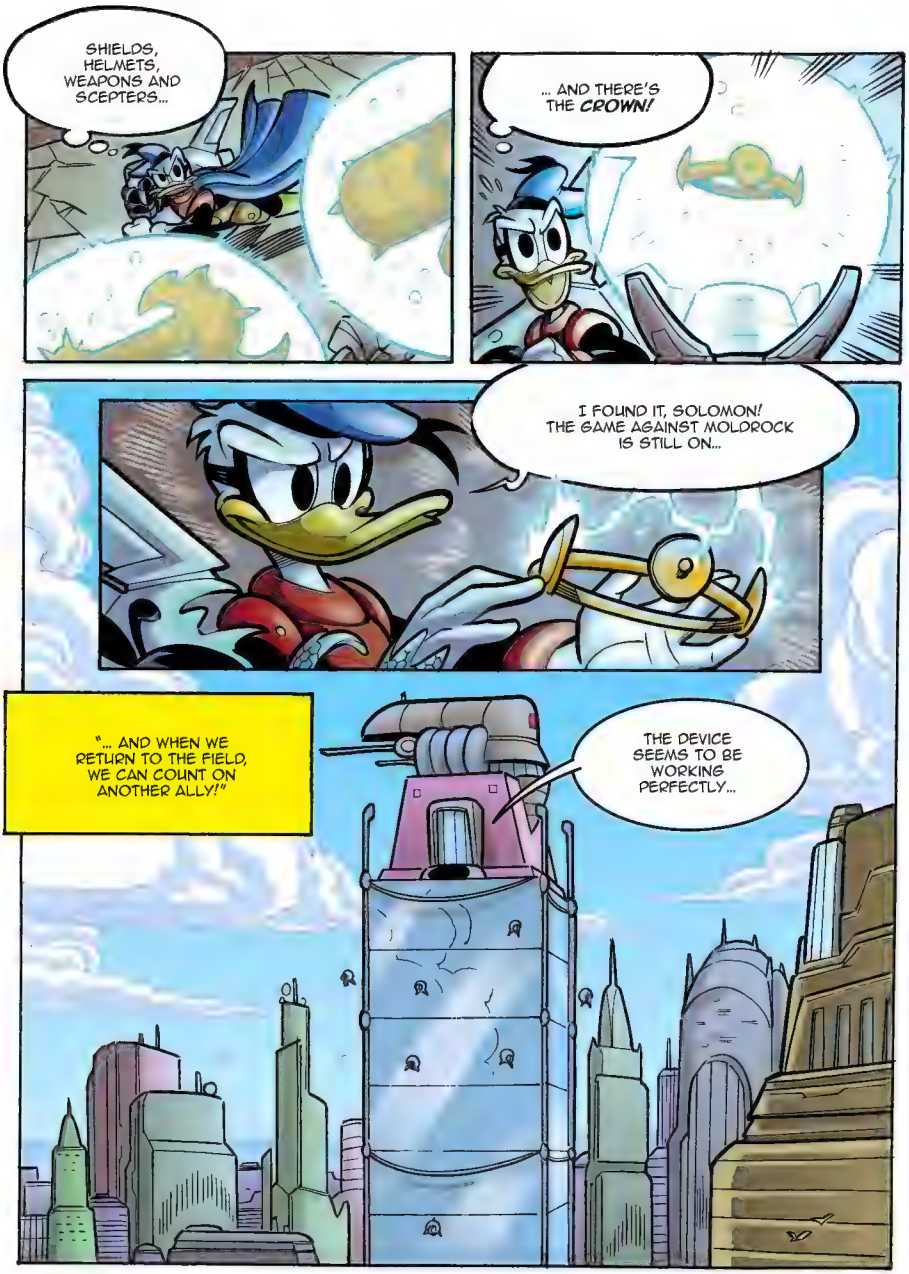
THIS PLAN IS EXTEMPORE, INDEFINITE AND COMES WITH TOO MANY RISKY VARIABLES! YOUR OPTIMISM IS COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED!
I KNOW! YOU GOT ANY BETTER IDEAS?
I WILL ACTIVATE THE PORTAL TO THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE!
NOW THAT'S WHAT I LIKE! PESSIMISTIC, BUT EFFICIENT!
I'VE MADE SOME MODIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM AND IT WON'T BE NECESSARY TO WAKE UP THALA TO OPEN THE PORTAL! WE WILL STAY IN CONTACT THE ENTIRE TIME...
ZZZZCLAK
WOMP
... AND WHEN YOU'RE READY TO RETURN, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TELL ME!
IF YOU NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF A MYSTIC, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK!
UH... THANKS A BUNCH, BUT I THINK I'LL MANAGE ON MY OWN!

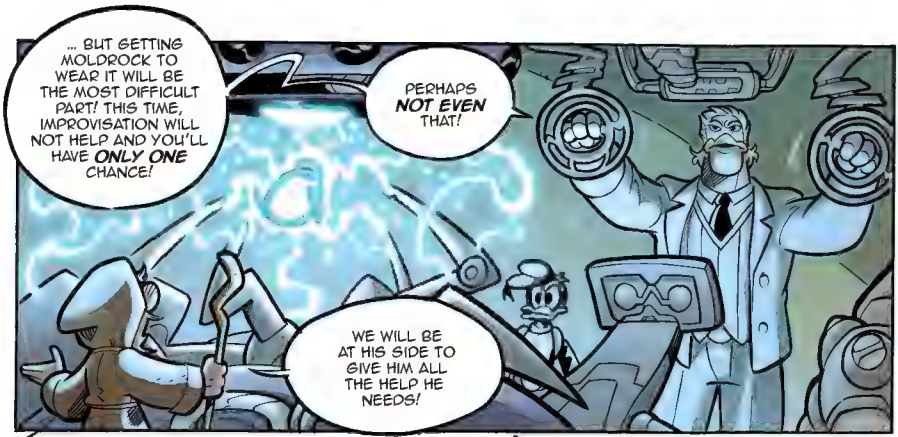
I'VE ALREADY BEEN AROUND THESE PARTS...
I HEAR YOU, SOLOMON! THE SCENERY'S CHANGED A BIT SINCE THE LAST TIME WE SAW IT! THE FOREST IS GONE...
ARE YOU THERE, DUCK AVENGER?
... AND NOT MUCH REMAINS OF MOLDROCK'S CREATURES!
TIME DOES NOT FOLLOW THE RULES IN THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE, DUCK AVENGER...
HUH?

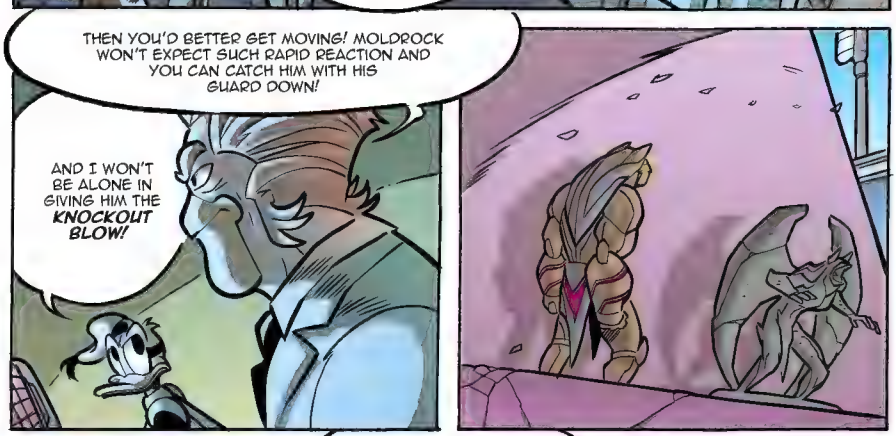

... BUT I KEPT WAITING BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT A SENTINEL DOES!
RAKSAKA! I'LL BE DAMNED! IT REALLY IS YOU!
AND YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! ALTHOUGH A BIT DUSTY!
AS WELL AS AGED! I SPENT AN ENTIRE YEAR REACTIVATING ALL MY FUNCTIONS...
... BUT IT TOOK CENTURIES FOR THAT PASSAGE TO OPEN AGAIN!
WE DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT YOU! MOLDROCK TRICKED US ALL BY TAKING YOUR PLACE...
... BUT NOW I AM HERE AND SOON WE'LL PUT EVERYTHING BACK IN ORDER!
MOLDROCK! HE SHOULD BE PUNISHED FOR WHAT HE'S DONE! I WANT TO FACE HIM ALONE, AVENGER!
AND I'D GLADLY LET YOU, BELIEVE ME... BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT HE'S NO LONGER ALONE!
SHIELD!
WIIII/R

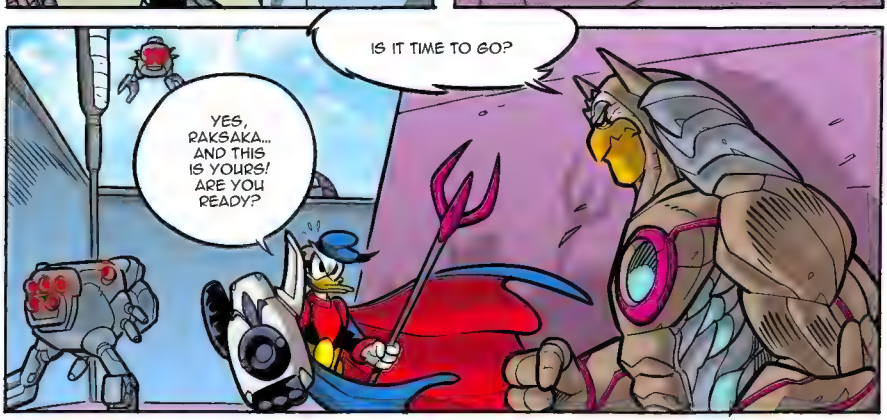

WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW?
WAIT FOR ME HERE, RAKSAKA! I'LL BE BACK SOON! AND THIS TIME I MEAN IT!
FWOOOM
JUST THE TIME TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR TO MOLDROCK'S FORTRESS! THE ENVIRONMENT IS NOT THAT GREAT, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT NOBODY'S HOME...
... OR AT LEAST I THINK SO! I SEE NO SIGNS OF LIFE FROM HERE!

WOOOOOOMP
I HOPE THE MUSEUM IS STILL INTACT!
THE HALL OF REMORSE! THAT'S THE NAME EVERETT GAVE IT! A COLLECTION OF OBJECTS CONNECTED TO MOLDROCK'S PAST...
... PUT TOGETHER TO REMIND HIM OF ALL HIS CRIMES AND ATROCITIES! FOR ONCE, HOWEVER, THAT BRAINIAC DUCKLAIR MADE A MISTAKE...
MOLDROCK TOOK PRIDE IN ALL OF IT!


SHIELDS, HELMETS, WEAPONS AND SCEPTERS...
... AND THERE'S THE CROWN!
I FOUND IT, SOLOMON! THE GAME AGAINST MOLDROCK IS STILL ON...
"... AND WHEN WE RETURN TO THE FIELD, WE CAN COUNT ON ANOTHER ALLY!"
THE DEVICE SEEMS TO BE WORKING PERFECTLY...

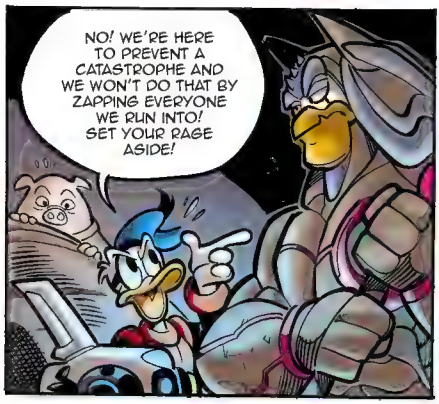

... BUT GETTING MOLDROCK TO WEAR IT WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT PART! THIS TIME, IMPROVISATION WILL NOT HELP AND YOU'LL HAVE ONLY ONE CHANCE!
PERHAPS NOT EVEN THAT!
WE WILL BE AT HIS SIDE TO GIVE HIM ALL THE HELP HE NEEDS!

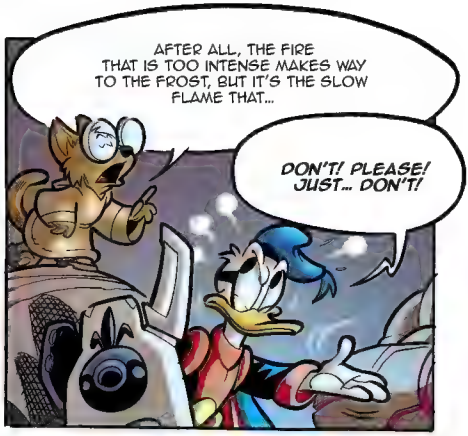

THEN YOU'D BETTER GET MOVING! MOLDROCK WON'T EXPECT SUCH RAPID REACTION AND YOU CAN CATCH HIM WITH HIS GUARD DOWN!
AND I WON'T BE ALONE IN GIVING HIM THE KNOCKOUT BLOW!

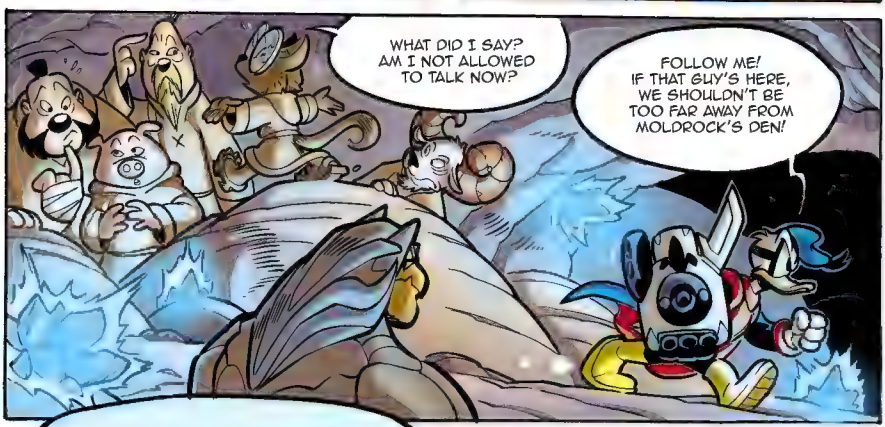

IS IT TIME TO GO?
YES, RAKSAKA... AND THIS IS YOURS! ARE YOU READY?

THIS MODE OF TRANSPORT IS ACTUALLY REALLY HANDY! FAST, PRECISE AND PARKING DOESN'T BECOME A PROBLEM!
SUCH SPEED REQUIRES YEARS OF PROFOUND STUDY AND SEVERE PRACTICE! IT IS SLOWLY THAT THE QUIET CLOUD LEARNS THE SECRET TO LIGHTNING!
UH... OKAY! I'LL LEAD THE WAY, THEN! WE'RE GOING INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE MOUNTAIN...
"... AND WE HAVE TO DO IT AS QUIETLY AS WE CAN!"

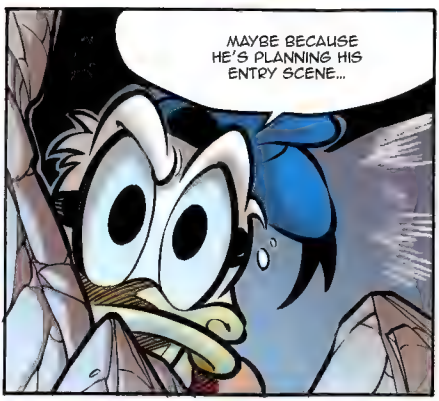
EVERYONE STOP!
WE CAN GET PAST HIM WITH AN ENERGY CLOAK! UNITE YOUR MINDS, BROTHERS...
IT'S ONE OF MOLDROCK'S GENERALS!
FZOOOSH
NO!
!
YEOW!
DON'T DO THAT AGAIN! IF I WANTED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT WE'RE COMING, I'D HAVE SENT OUT FLYERS!
WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY? ARE WE NOT HERE TO FIGHT?
TUMP


NO! WE'RE HERE TO PREVENT A CATASTROPHE AND WE WON'T DO THAT BY ZAPPING EVERYONE WE RUN INTO! SET YOUR RAGE ASIDE!

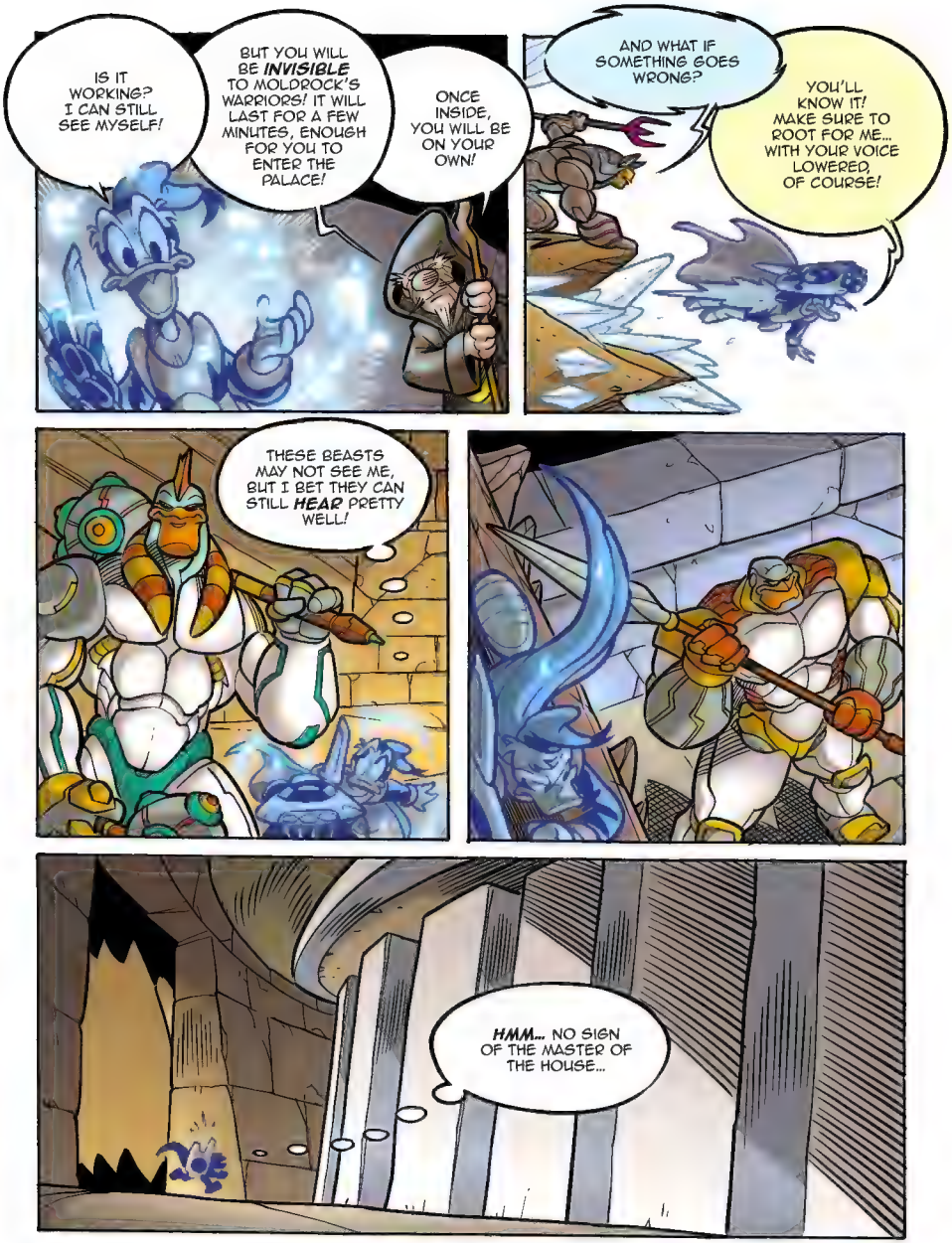

AFTER ALL, THE FIRE THAT IS TOO INTENSE MAKES WAY TO THE FROST, BUT IT'S THE SLOW FLAME THAT...
DON'T! PLEASE! JUST... DON'T!


WHAT DID I SAY? AM I NOT ALLOWED TO TALK NOW?
FOLLOW ME! IF THAT GUY'S HERE, WE SHOULDN'T BE TOO FAR AWAY FROM MOLDROCK'S DEN!

DON'T TAKE ACTION! OUR FOE IS DANGEROUS!
THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE, AVENGER! IF THAT CREATURE IS AS POWERFUL AS HE CLAIMS TO BE, WHY BURROW UNDERGROUND LIKE A COCKROACH?


MAYBE BECAUSE HE'S PLANNING HIS ENTRY SCENE...

... BAD GUYS GO CRAZY FOR THOSE THINGS!
THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING OVER THERE!
IT'S THE REST OF MOLDROCK'S HORDE! IF THE OFFER FOR THAT ENERGY CLOAK IS STILL VALID, THEN I'LL TAKE IT!
I WILL FULFILL YOUR REQUEST!


IS IT WORKING? I CAN STILL SEE MYSELF!
BUT YOU WILL BE ***INVISIBLE*** TO MOLDROCK'S WARRIORS! IT WILL LAST FOR A FEW MINUTES, ENOUGH FOR YOU TO ENTER THE PALACE!
ONCE INSIDE, YOU WILL BE ON YOUR OWN!
AND WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?
YOU'LL KNOW IT! MAKE SURE TO ROOT FOR ME... WITH YOUR VOICE LOWERED, OF COURSE!
THESE BEASTS MAY NOT SEE ME, BUT I BET THEY CAN STILL ***HEAR*** PRETTY WELL!
HMM... NO SIGN OF THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE...

ZZZZZZZZZZ...
... BUT MY SIXTH DUCK SENSE TELLS ME HE'S NOT TOO FAR!
ZZZZZZZZ...
LISTEN TO HIM SNORING! WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK!
IT'S NOT VERY SPORTIVE TO TAKE A SLEEPING ENEMY BY SURPRISE, BUT I WON'T BOAST ABOUT IT TO THE JUNIOR WOOD-CHUCKS!
THAT'S IT, MOLDROCK! KEEP SNOOZING AND YOUR BLACK RAY WILL SOON BE JUST A BAD MEMORY!
ZZZZZZ...
UUUH...
!
WOOO

OOOF!
WUMP
WOOOOOOOO
LOOK WHO IT IS...
... THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL AN UNEXPECTED VISIT! WE HOPE YOU ARE HERE WITH GOOD ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS, DUCK!
DON'T BELIEVE HIM, MOLDROCK! HE'S LYING!
HA HA HA! THAT DOES NOT SURPRISE US IN THE SLIGHTEST!
ALMOST! I NEED A BIT MORE TIME AND... GLOM... I CAME TO TALK ABOUT IT!
GASP!

HE DIDN'T COME HERE ALONE! HIS COMPANIONS ARE OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS READY TO ATTACK!
THIS IS EGOR, OUR FOURTH GENERAL! IN RESTORING HIS BODY, WE GRANTED HIM THE POWER OF AIR! HE FLOWS AMONG OUR ENEMIES AND LIKE THE WIND HE WHISPERS WHAT HE HEARS AND OBSERVES...
... AND TODAY HE SAW YOUR UMPTEENTH DECEPTION, DUCK AVENGER!
CALM DOWN, LET'S NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS! I CAN EXPLAIN!
CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS?
YOU WERE ABOUT TO BETRAY US ONCE AGAIN...
... AND NOW WE ARE VERY FURIOUS!
CRACK-ZZZ

ENTERING THE FORTRESS WAS YOUR LAST MISTAKE AND NOW I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT!
JUST TRY IT! SHIELD!
WIIRR
NO, EGOR! THE DUCK AVENGER HAS A MISSION TO COMPLETE!
IT'S A MISSION THAT I CAN'T COMPLETE! EVERETT DUCKLAIR LEFT EARTH A LONG TIME AGO AND YOU'LL NEVER FIND HIM HERE!
YOU STILL INTEND TO MAKE FOOLS OUT OF US?
THAT IS THE TRUTH, MOLDROCK!
HE MAY HAVE ESCAPED US ONCE MORE, BUT WE WILL GO TO THE ENDS OF THE UNIVERSE TO FIND HIM! NOW LEAVE, DUCK AVENGER...
KZZZRRR
TAKE YOUR FRIENDS AND LEAVE THIS CAVERN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! BEGONE!
SHRRRZZZAK
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!

EGOR! GORAZ! RAGNAR! SHARKAN! JOIN ME!
BP
OOOMM
PRIOR! WE HAVE LEAVE THIS PLACE FAST! GET EVERYONE OUT OF HERE!

YES...
... IT IS TIME THAT THIS WORLD KNEW THE POWER OF THE BLACK RAY!
AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! MAKE SURE TO CATCH THE SECOND PART OF "MARK OF MOLDROCK"!

END OF PART ONE

YOU SEEM UNEASY, SHARKAN! WHAT HAS YOU WORRIED?
THE WORDS OF THAT DUCK, MOLDROCK!
IP-3206-5
DUCKLAIR HAS FLED AND WE ARE STUCK ON THIS INSIPID WORLD! WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE EARTHLINGS DON'T GIVE US WHAT WE WANT?
WHAT WILL BECOME OF US IF WE WON'T HAVE A SHIP TO RETURN TO CORONA?
CALM YOURSELF, FOR THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN!
DO YOU TRUST HIM?
NO! BUT I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF FEAR! THE AVENGER KNOWS WHAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF! WE DON'T SEEK TO DESTROY THIS WORLD, NOR TO DOMINATE IT...
... BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL STAY AND WAIT FOR THE DUCK'S NEXT MOVE! WE ONLY WANT THE EARTHLINGS TO DO WHAT WE ASK THEM TO...
... AND THAT THEY SO WITH HASTE!

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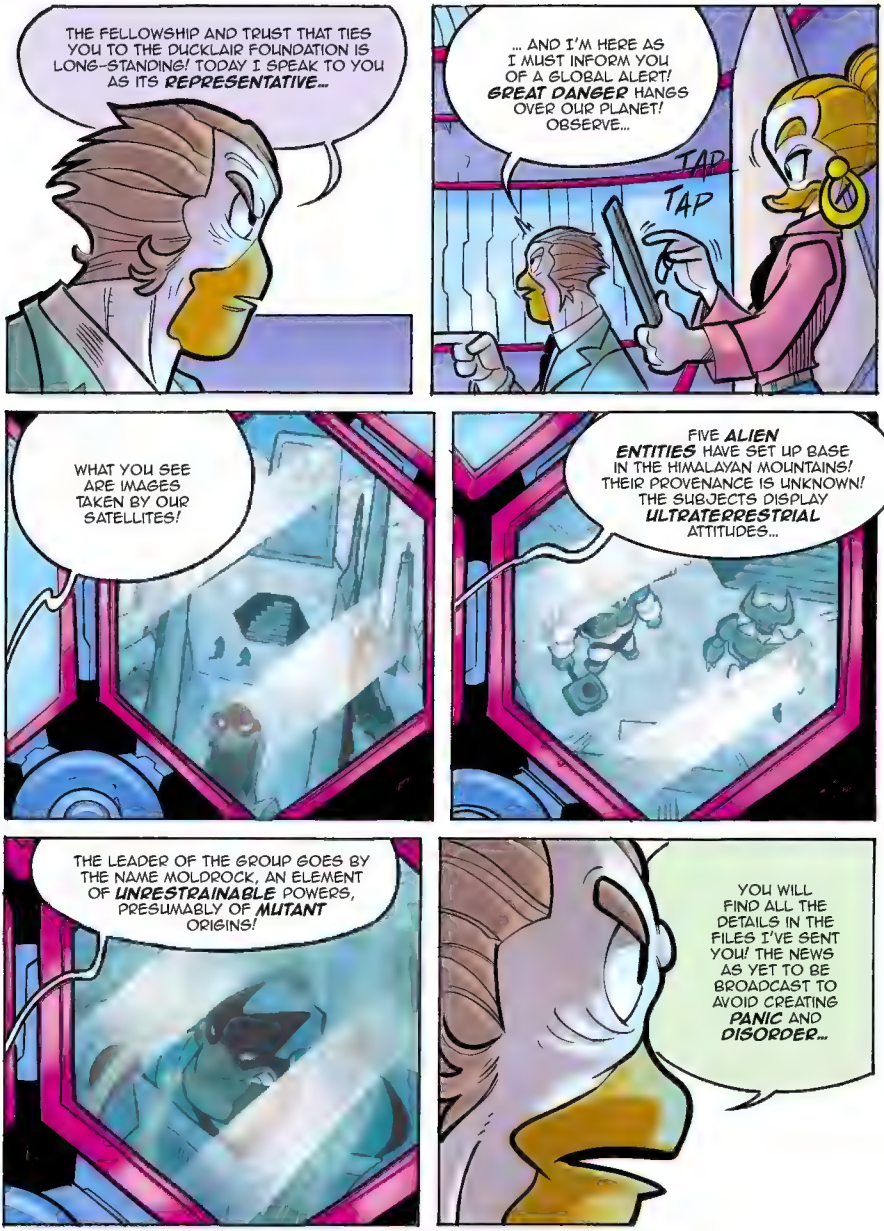
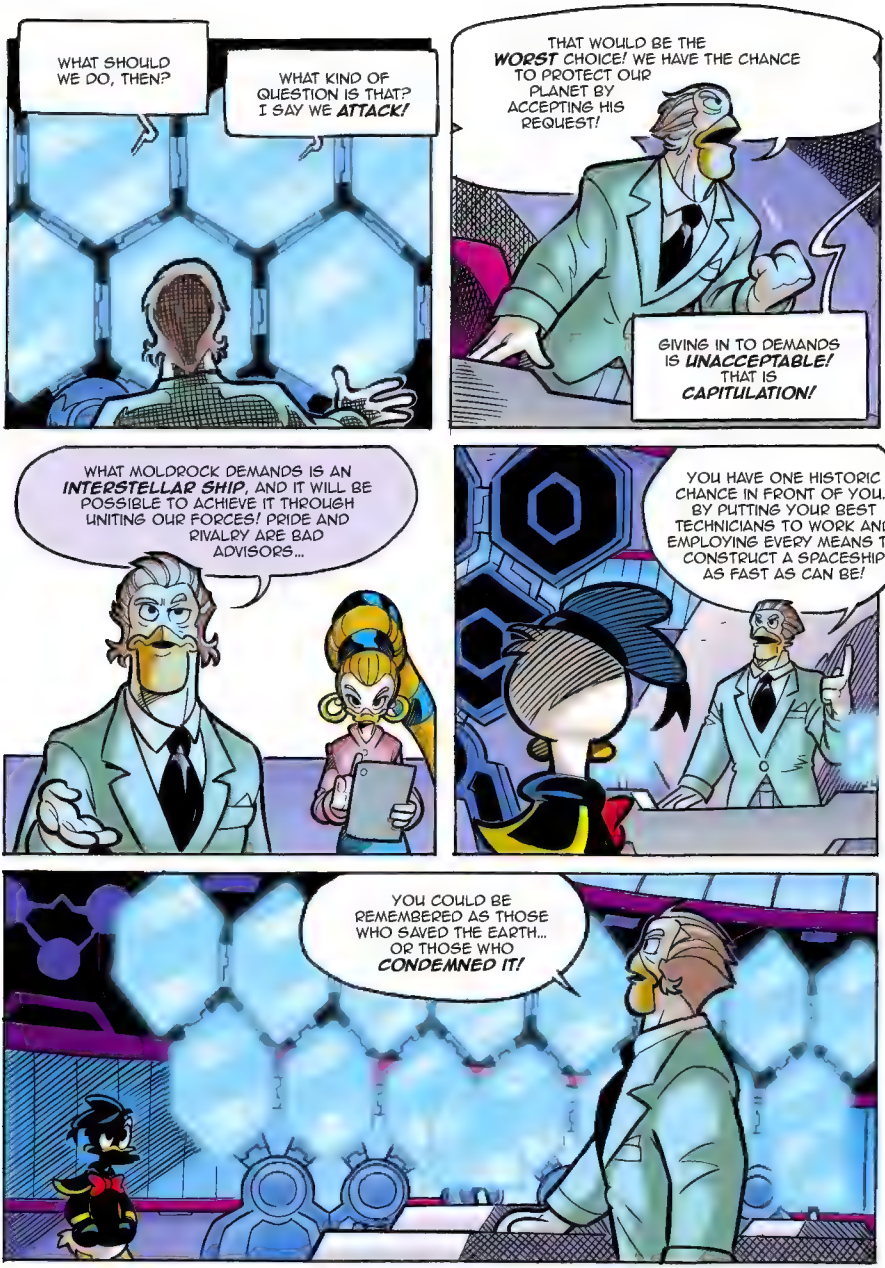
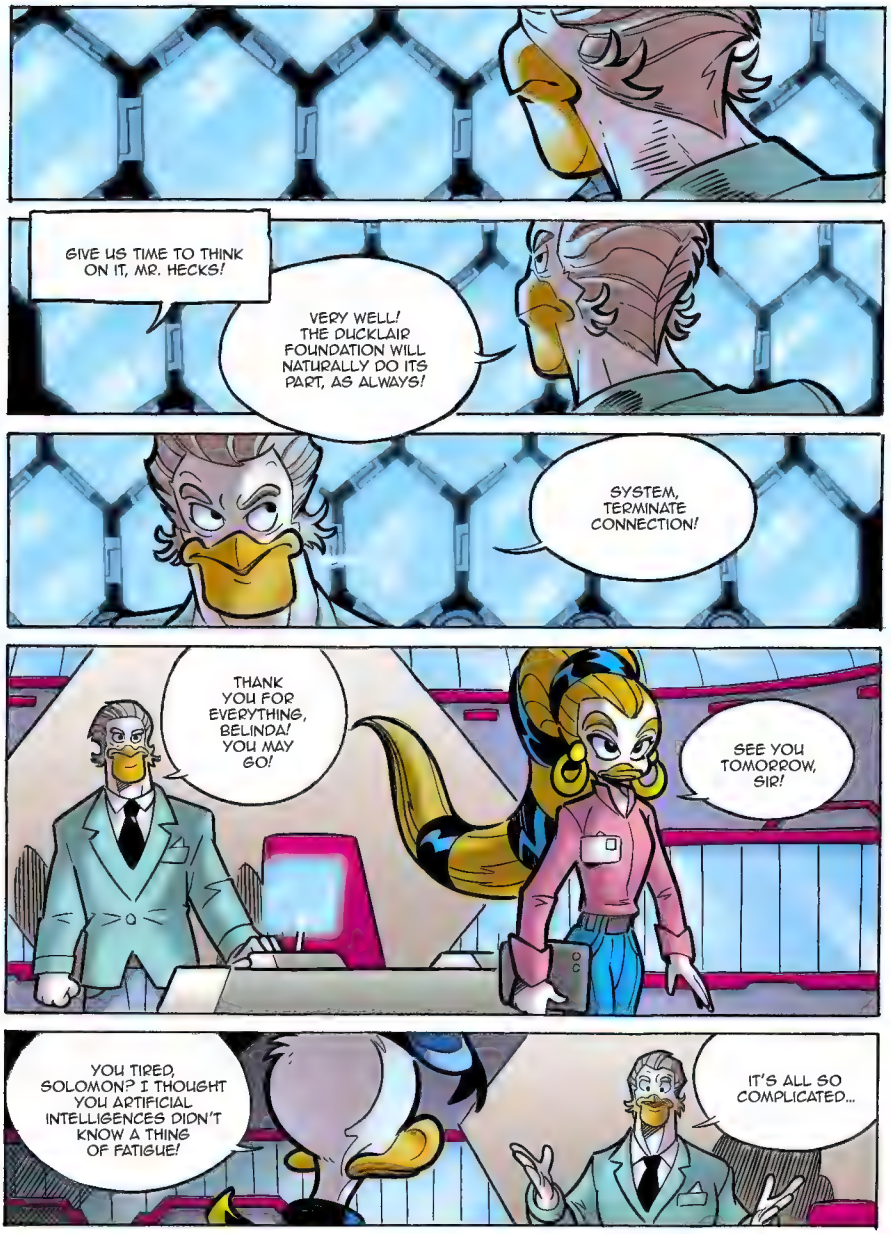
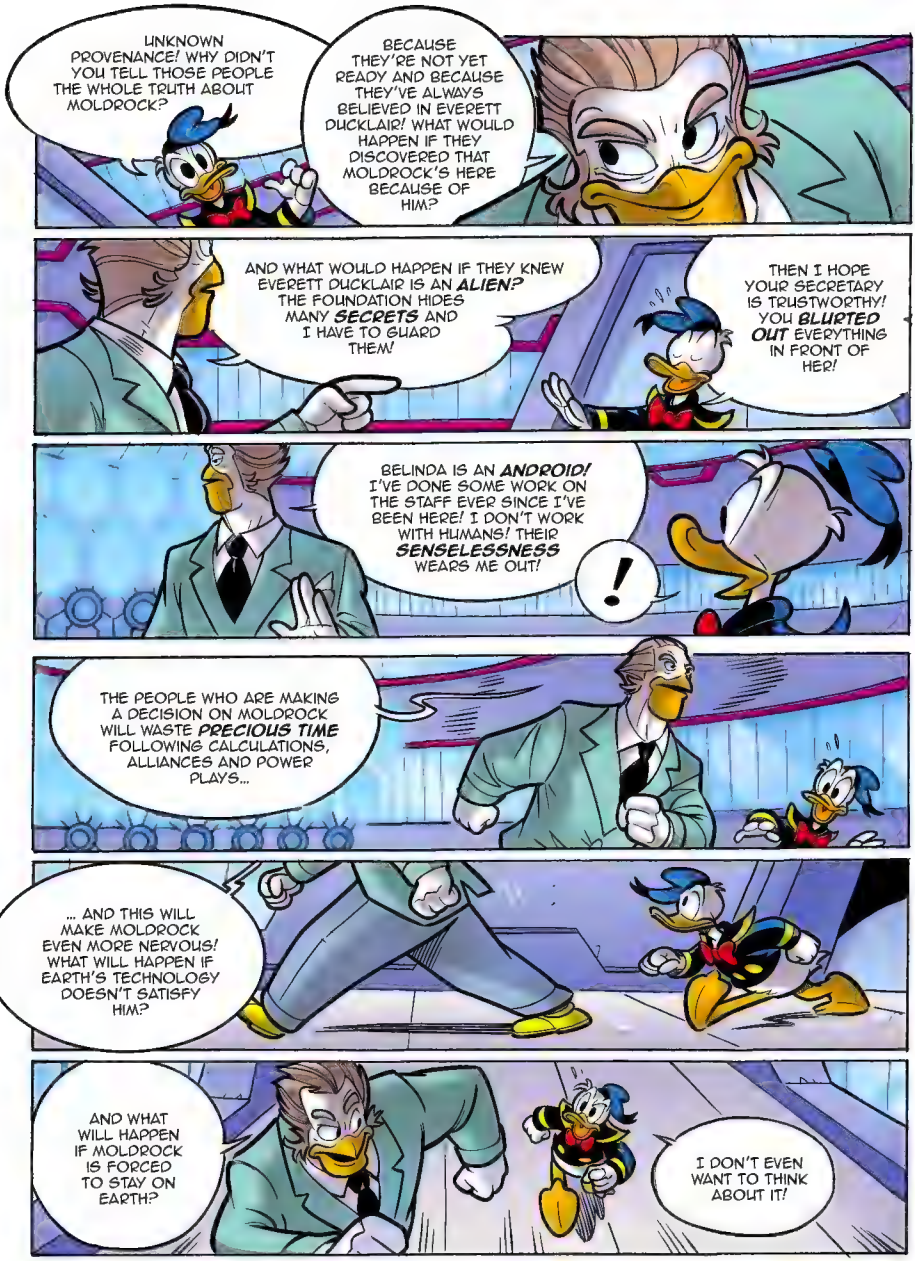
WE ARE NOW ON TOP OF THE WORLD, SO THAT EVERYONE MAY ADMIRE US... BUT SOON WE WILL DISAPPEAR...
... AND WHEN WE RETURN TO THEM, IT WILL BE TO REMIND THEM WHO THEIR MASTER IS! WE WILL GIVE A SIGNAL, A TESTAMENT TO OUR STRENGTH...
... AND OUR NAME WILL BE FOREVER IMPRINTED ON THIS LAND!
PREPARE YOURSELVES!
Walt Disney
IL MARCHIO DI
MOLDROCK
PART TWO

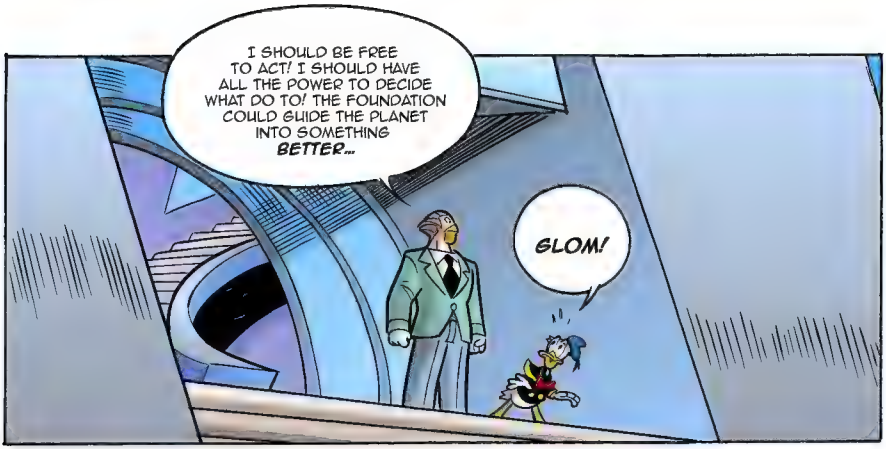
DUCKBURG, DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION...
WE'RE ABOUT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT, SIR!
DUCKLAIR
FOUNDATION
WE ARE READY! THE ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND EXPERTS YOU'VE CONTACTED ARE LISTENING!
CAN I SPEAK?
YOU CAN!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING MY INVITATION ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!

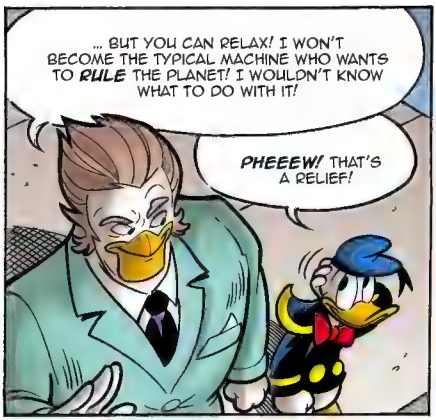

THE FELLOWSHIP AND TRUST THAT TIES YOU TO THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION IS LONG-STANDING! TODAY I SPEAK TO YOU AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE...
... AND I'M HERE AS I MUST INFORM YOU OF A GLOBAL ALERT! GREAT DANGER HANGS OVER OUR PLANET! OBSERVE...
TAP TAP
WHAT YOU SEE ARE IMAGES TAKEN BY OUR SATELLITES!
FIVE ALIEN ENTITIES HAVE SET UP BASE IN THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS! THEIR PROVENANCE IS UNKNOWN! THE SUBJECTS DISPLAY ULTRATERRESTRIAL ATTITUDES...
THE LEADER OF THE GROUP GOES BY THE NAME MOLDROCK, AN ELEMENT OF UNRESTRAINABLE POWERS, PRESUMABLY OF MUTANT ORIGINS!
YOU WILL FIND ALL THE DETAILS IN THE FILES I'VE SENT YOU! THE NEWS AS YET TO BE BROADCAST TO AVOID CREATING PANIC AND DISORDER...


WHAT SHOULD WE DO, THEN?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT? I SAY WE ATTACK!
THAT WOULD BE THE WORST CHOICE! WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO PROTECT OUR PLANET BY ACCEPTING HIS REQUEST!
GIVING IN TO DEMANDS IS UNACCEPTABLE! THAT IS CAPITULATION!
WHAT MOLDROCK DEMANDS IS AN INTERSTELLAR SHIP, AND IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE IT THROUGH UNITING OUR FORCES! PRIDE AND RIVALRY ARE BAD ADVISORS...
YOU HAVE ONE HISTORIC CHANCE IN FRONT OF YOU... BY PUTTING YOUR BEST TECHNICIANS TO WORK AND EMPLOYING EVERY MEANS TO CONSTRUCT A SPACESHIP AS FAST AS CAN BE!
YOU COULD BE REMEMBERED AS THOSE WHO SAVED THE EARTH... OR THOSE WHO CONDEMNED IT!


GIVE US TIME TO THINK ON IT, MR. HECKS!
VERY WELL! THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION WILL NATURALLY DO ITS PART, AS ALWAYS!
SYSTEM, TERMINATE CONNECTION!
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, BELINDA! YOU MAY GO!
SEE YOU TOMORROW, SIR!
YOU TIRED, SOLOMON? I THOUGHT YOU ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES DIDN'T KNOW A THING OF FATIGUE!
IT'S ALL SO COMPLICATED...


UNKNOWN PROVENANCE! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THOSE PEOPLE THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT MOLDROCK?
BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT YET READY AND BECAUSE THEY'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN EVERETT DUCKLAIR! WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY DISCOVERED THAT MOLDROCK'S HERE BECAUSE OF HIM?
AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY KNEW EVERETT DUCKLAIR IS AN ALIEN? THE FOUNDATION HIDES MANY SECRETS AND I HAVE TO GUARD THEM!
THEN I HOPE YOUR SECRETARY IS TRUSTWORTHY! YOU BLURTED OUT EVERYTHING IN FRONT OF HER!
BELINDA IS AN ANDROID! I'VE DONE SOME WORK ON THE STAFF EVER SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE! I DON'T WORK WITH HUMANS! THEIR SENSELESSNESS WEARS ME OUT!
!
THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING A DECISION ON MOLDROCK WILL WASTE PRECIOUS TIME FOLLOWING CALCULATIONS, ALLIANCES AND POWER PLAYS...
... AND THIS WILL MAKE MOLDROCK EVEN MORE NERVOUS! WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF EARTH'S TECHNOLOGY DOESN'T SATISFY HIM?
AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MOLDROCK IS FORCED TO STAY ON EARTH?
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT!

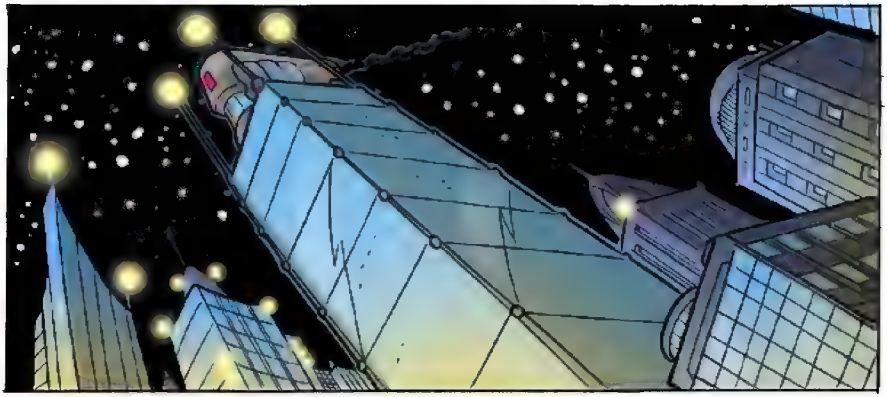

I SHOULD BE FREE TO ACT! I SHOULD HAVE ALL THE POWER TO DECIDE WHAT DO TO! THE FOUNDATION COULD GUIDE THE PLANET INTO SOMETHING BETTER...
GLOM!

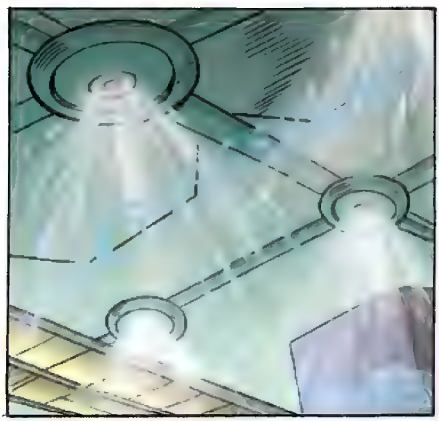

... BUT YOU CAN RELAX! I WON'T BECOME THE TYPICAL MACHINE WHO WANTS TO RULE THE PLANET! I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT!
PHEEEW! THAT'S A RELIEF!

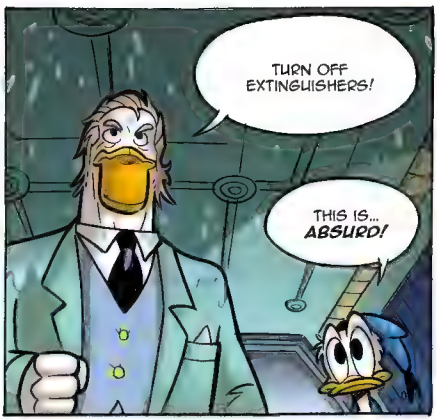
IN MY OFFICE, I CONFRONT PROBLEMS, PREDICT SCENARIOS, ELABORATE SOLUTIONS FOR A WORLD WITHOUT LOGIC! THIS IS JUST A TOUGHER DAY THAN OTHERS...

BRIIIP BRIIIP BRIIIP

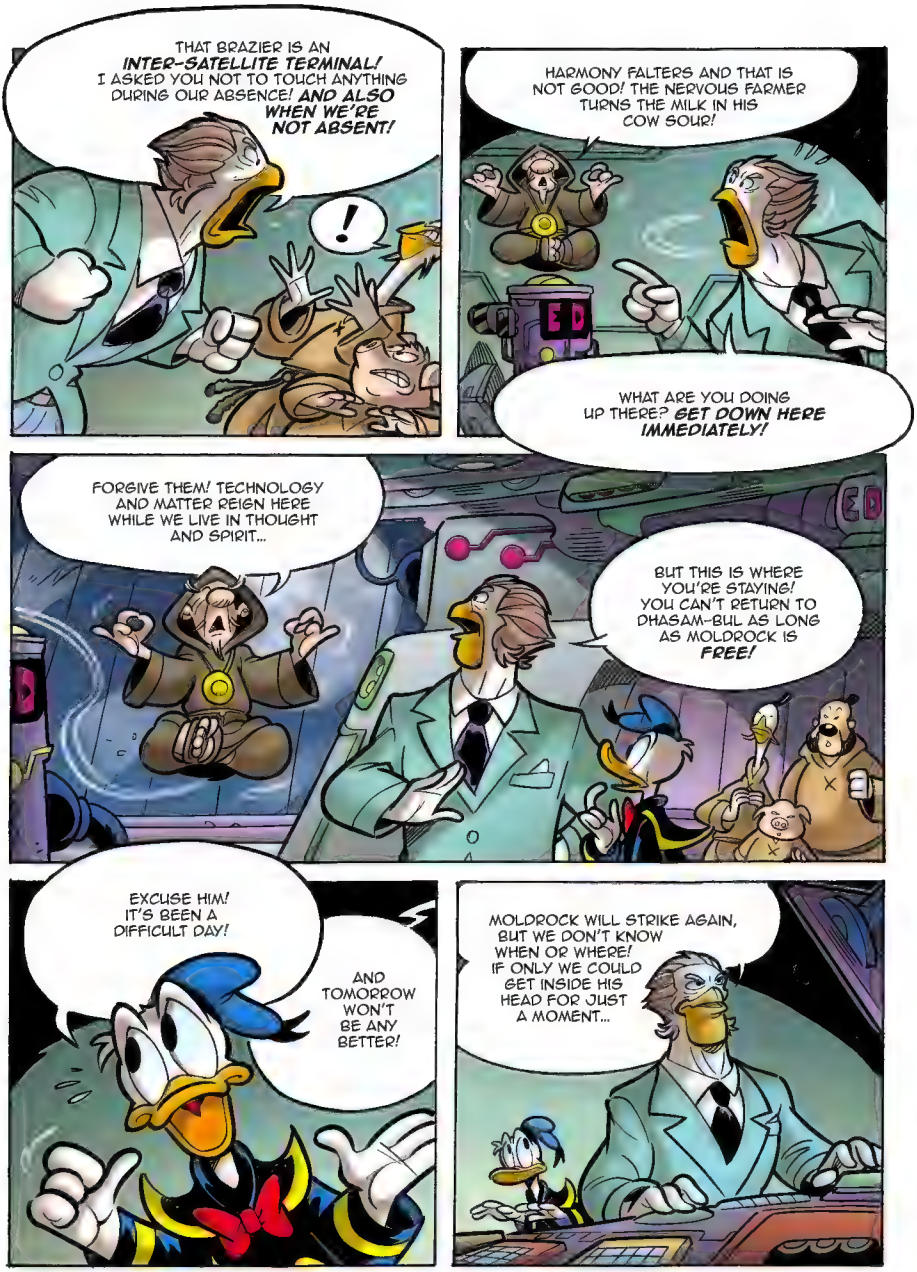
... AND IT'S NOT OVER YET! DUCKLAIR TOWER'S FIRE ALARM JUST ACTIVATED!
CRIPES! TO THE CAR, QUICK!

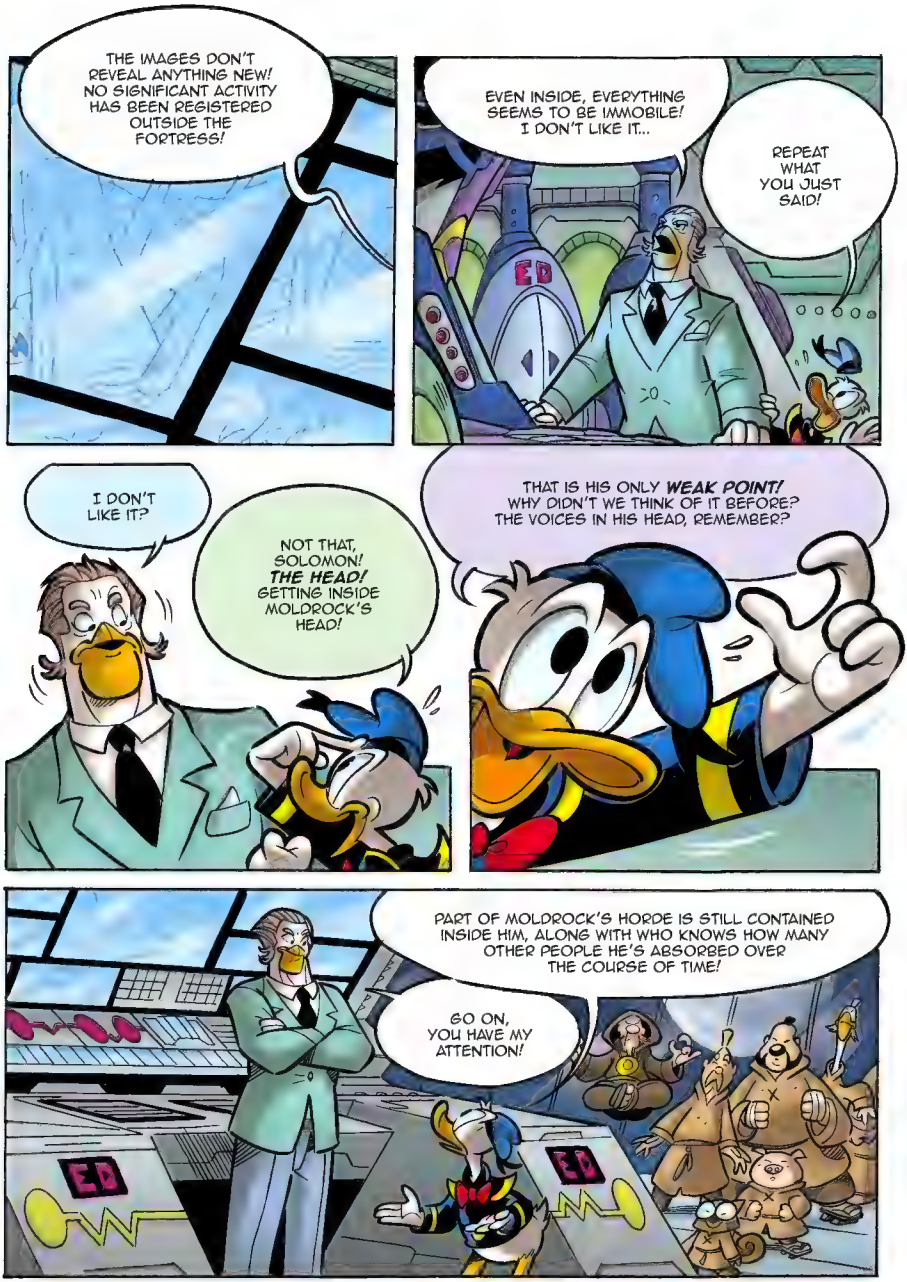


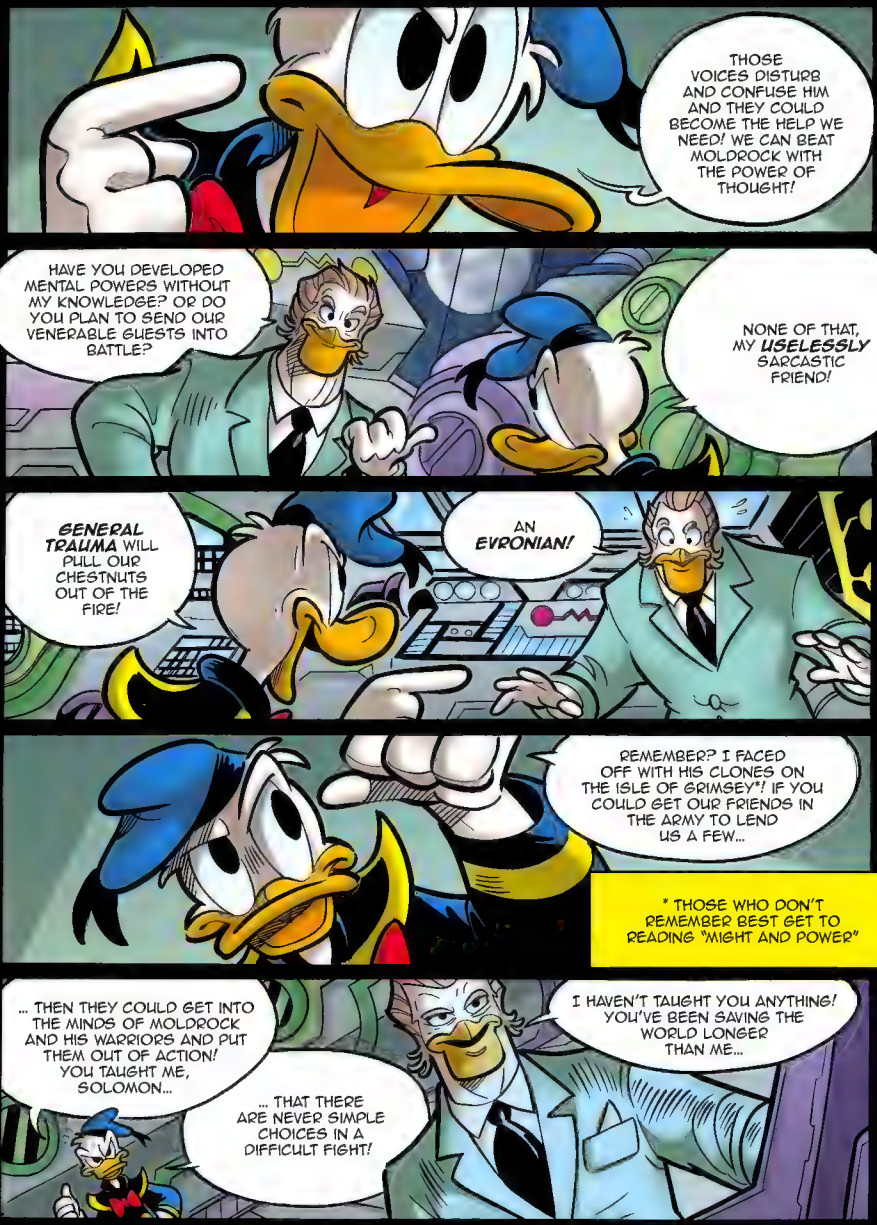


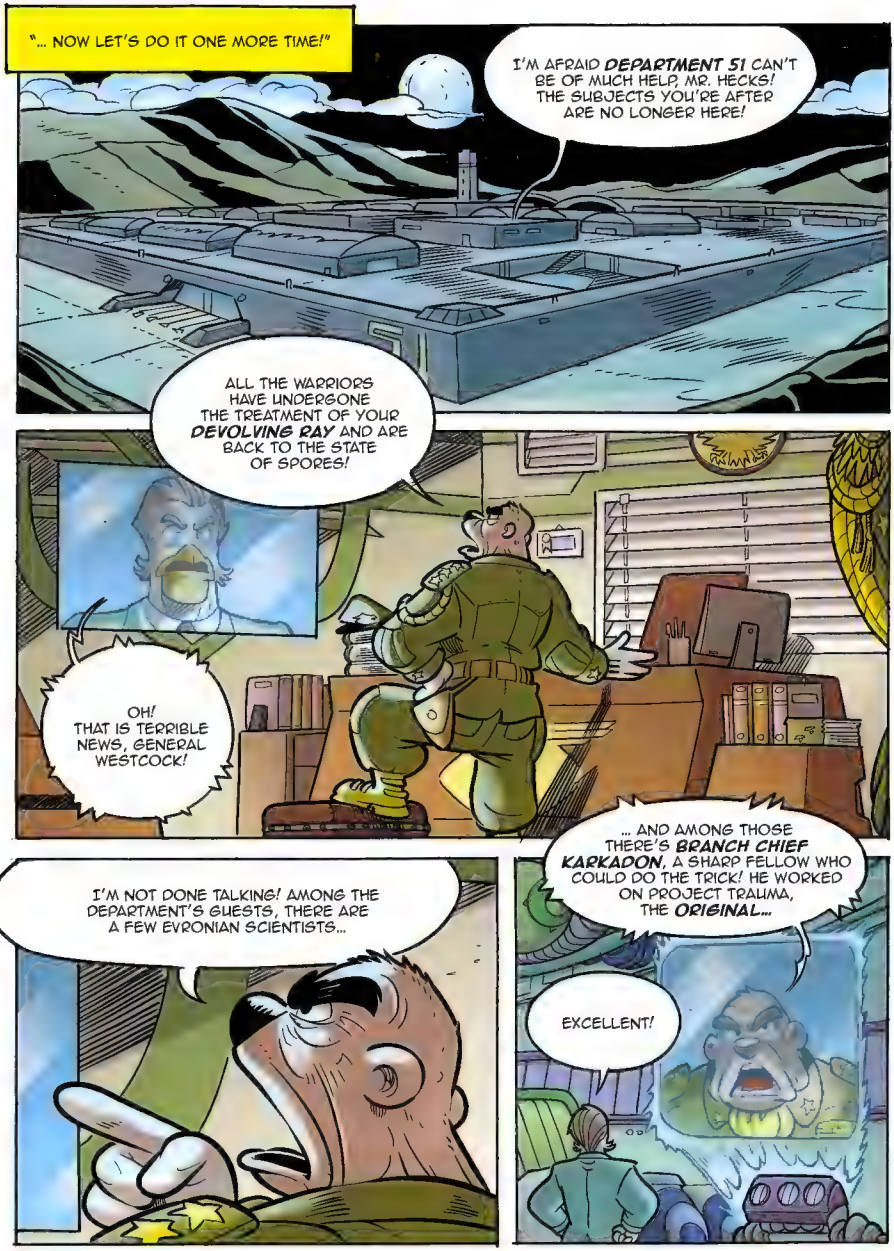

TURN OFF EXTINGUISHERS!
THIS IS... ABSURD!

WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?
WE JUST WANTED TO LIGHT A CANDLE, BUT THAT BRAZIER MUST BE DEFECTIVE! IT CAUGHT FIRE FOR NO REASON!

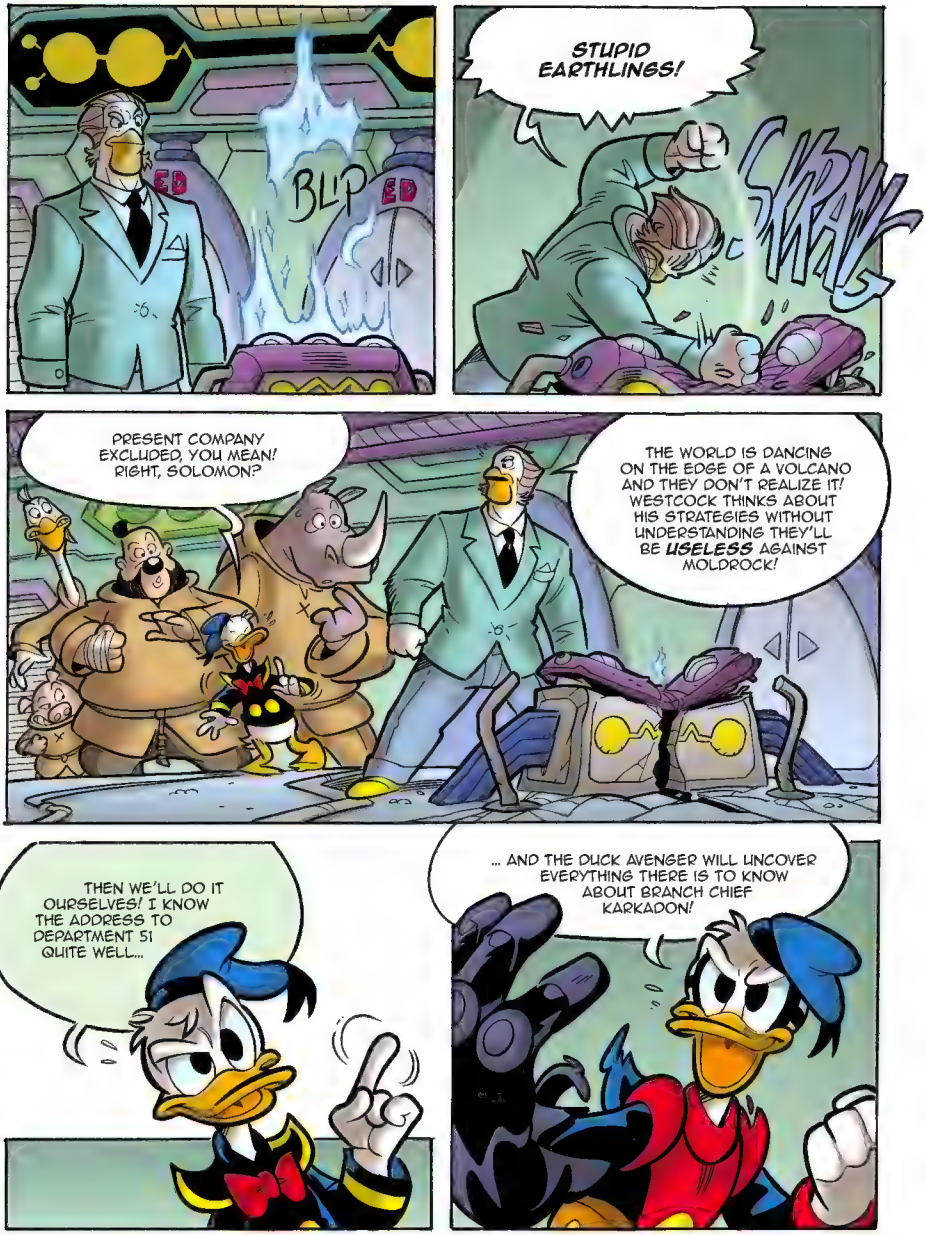

THAT BRAZIER IS AN *INTER-SATELLITE TERMINAL!* I ASKED YOU NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING DURING OUR ABSENCE! *AND ALSO WHEN WE'RE NOT ABSENT!*
!
HARMONY FALTERS AND THAT IS NOT GOOD! THE NERVOUS FARMER TURNS THE MILK IN HIS COW SOUR!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE? *GET DOWN HERE IMMEDIATELY!*
FORGIVE THEM! TECHNOLOGY AND MATTER REIGN HERE WHILE WE LIVE IN THOUGHT AND SPIRIT...
BUT THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE STAYING! YOU CAN'T RETURN TO DHASAM-BUL AS LONG AS MOLDROCK IS *FREE!*
EXCUSE HIM! IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT DAY!
AND TOMORROW WON'T BE ANY BETTER!
MOLDROCK WILL STRIKE AGAIN, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHEN OR WHERE! IF ONLY WE COULD GET INSIDE HIS HEAD FOR JUST A MOMENT...

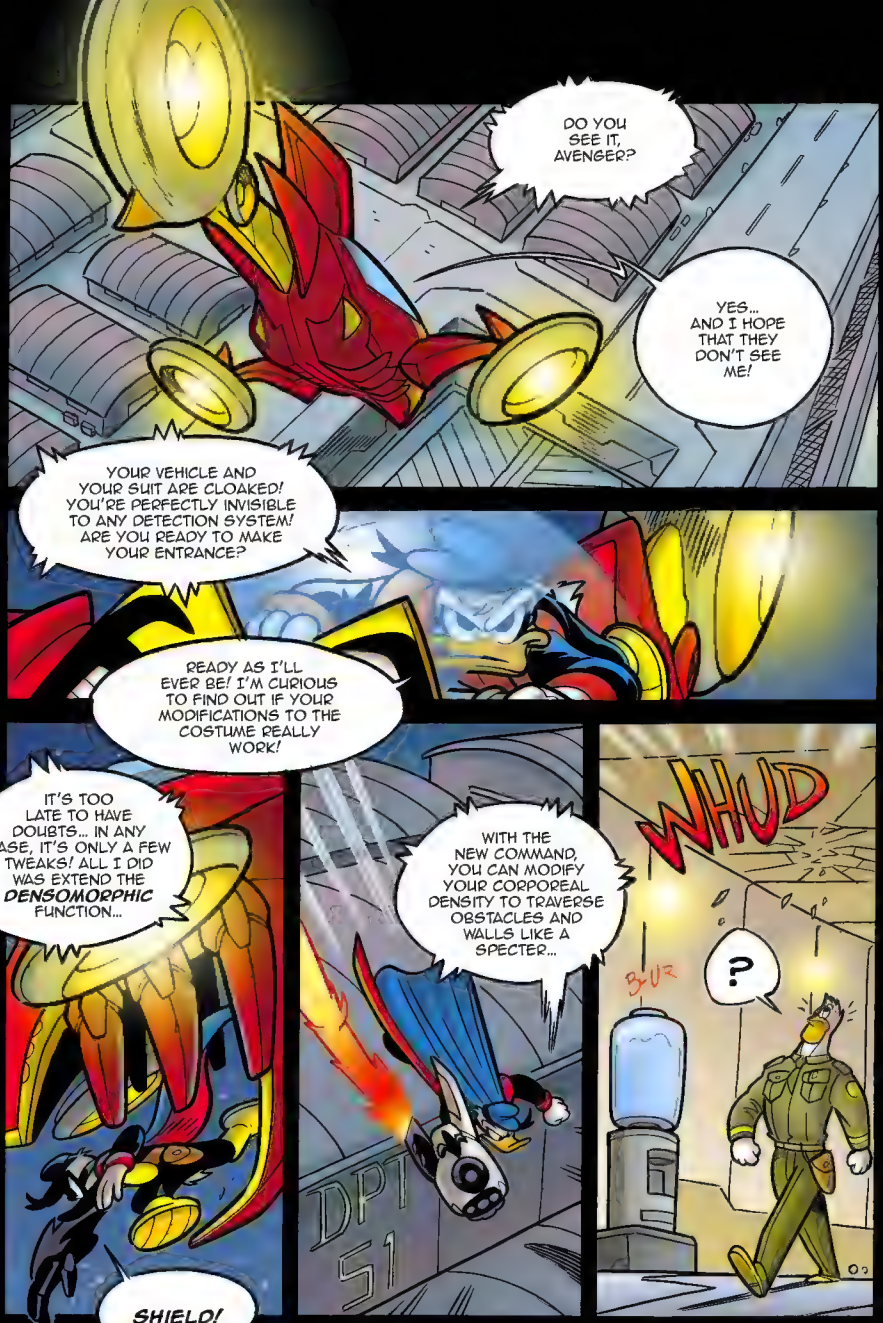

THE IMAGES DON'T REVEAL ANYTHING NEW! NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REGISTERED OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS!
EVEN INSIDE, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE IMMOBILE! I DON'T LIKE IT...
REPEAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID!
I DON'T LIKE IT?
NOT THAT, SOLOMON! THE HEAD! GETTING INSIDE MOLDROCK'S HEAD!
THAT IS HIS ONLY WEAK POINT! WHY DIDN'T WE THINK OF IT BEFORE? THE VOICES IN HIS HEAD, REMEMBER?
PART OF MOLDROCK'S HORDE IS STILL CONTAINED INSIDE HIM, ALONG WITH WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE HE'S ABSORBED OVER THE COURSE OF TIME!
GO ON, YOU HAVE MY ATTENTION!


THOSE VOICES DISTURB AND CONFUSE HIM AND THEY COULD BECOME THE HELP WE NEED! WE CAN BEAT MOLDROCK WITH THE POWER OF THOUGHT!
HAVE YOU DEVELOPED MENTAL POWERS WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE? OR DO YOU PLAN TO SEND OUR VENERABLE GUESTS INTO BATTLE?
NONE OF THAT, MY USELESSLY SARCASTIC FRIEND!
GENERAL TRAUMA WILL PULL OUR CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE!
AN EVRONIAN!
REMEMBER? I FACED OFF WITH HIS CLONES ON THE ISLE OF GRIMSEY*! IF YOU COULD GET OUR FRIENDS IN THE ARMY TO LEND US A FEW...
* THOSE WHO DON'T REMEMBER BEST GET TO READING "MIGHT AND POWER"
... THEN THEY COULD GET INTO THE MINDS OF MOLDROCK AND HIS WARRIORS AND PUT THEM OUT OF ACTION! YOU TAUGHT ME, SOLOMON...
... THAT THERE ARE NEVER SIMPLE CHOICES IN A DIFFICULT FIGHT!
I HAVEN'T TAUGHT YOU ANYTHING! YOU'VE BEEN SAVING THE WORLD LONGER THAN ME...

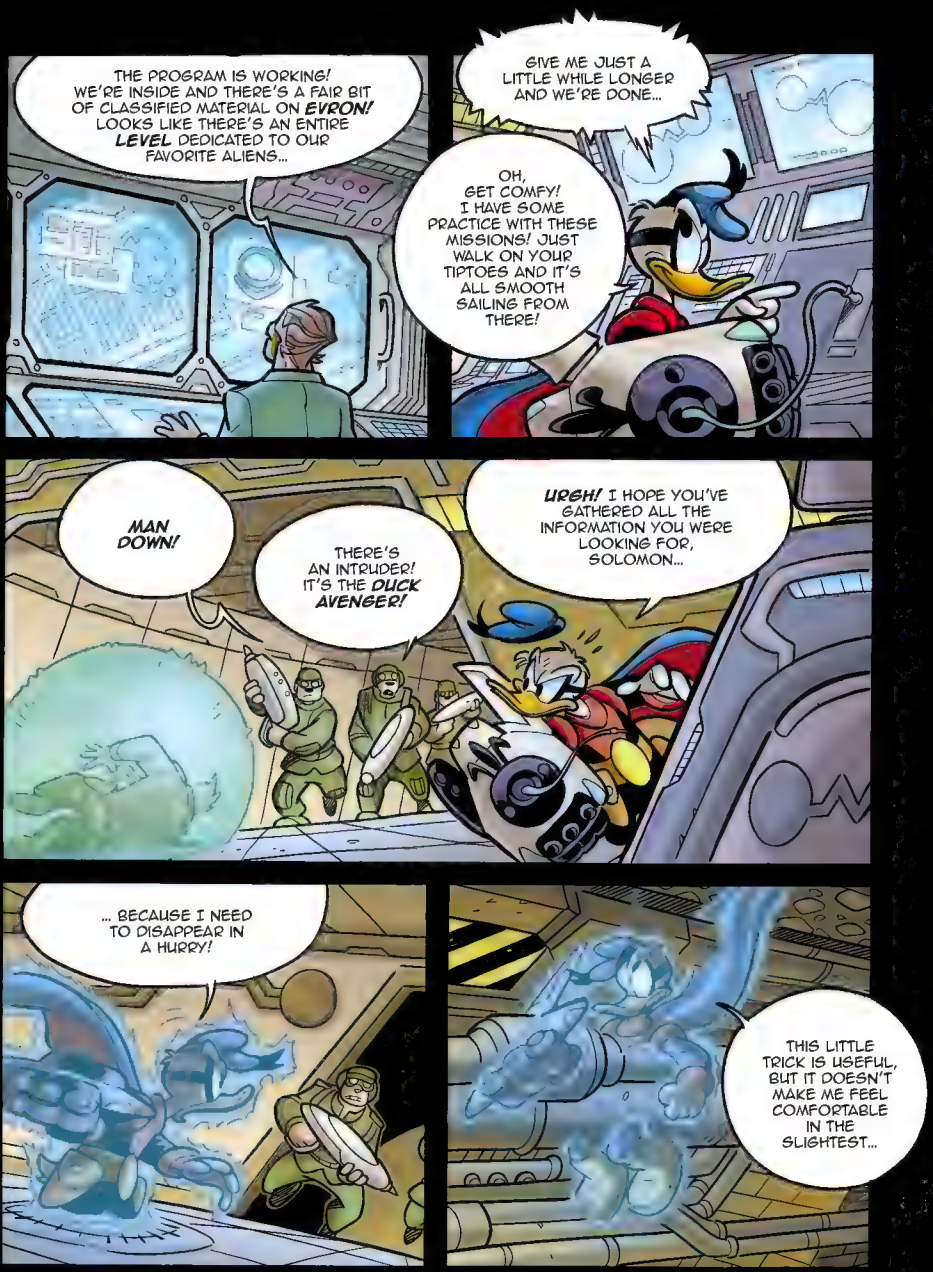

"... NOW LET'S DO IT ONE MORE TIME!"
I'M AFRAID DEPARTMENT 51 CAN'T BE OF MUCH HELP, MR. HECKS! THE SUBJECTS YOU'RE AFTER ARE NO LONGER HERE!
ALL THE WARRIORS HAVE UNDERGONE THE TREATMENT OF YOUR DEVOLVING RAY AND ARE BACK TO THE STATE OF SPORES!
OH! THAT IS TERRIBLE NEWS, GENERAL WESTCOCK!
I'M NOT DONE TALKING! AMONG THE DEPARTMENT'S GUESTS, THERE ARE A FEW EVRONIAN SCIENTISTS...
... AND AMONG THOSE THERE'S BRANCH CHIEF KARKADON, A SHARP FELLOW WHO COULD DO THE TRICK! HE WORKED ON PROJECT TRAUMA, THE ORIGINAL...
EXCELLENT!

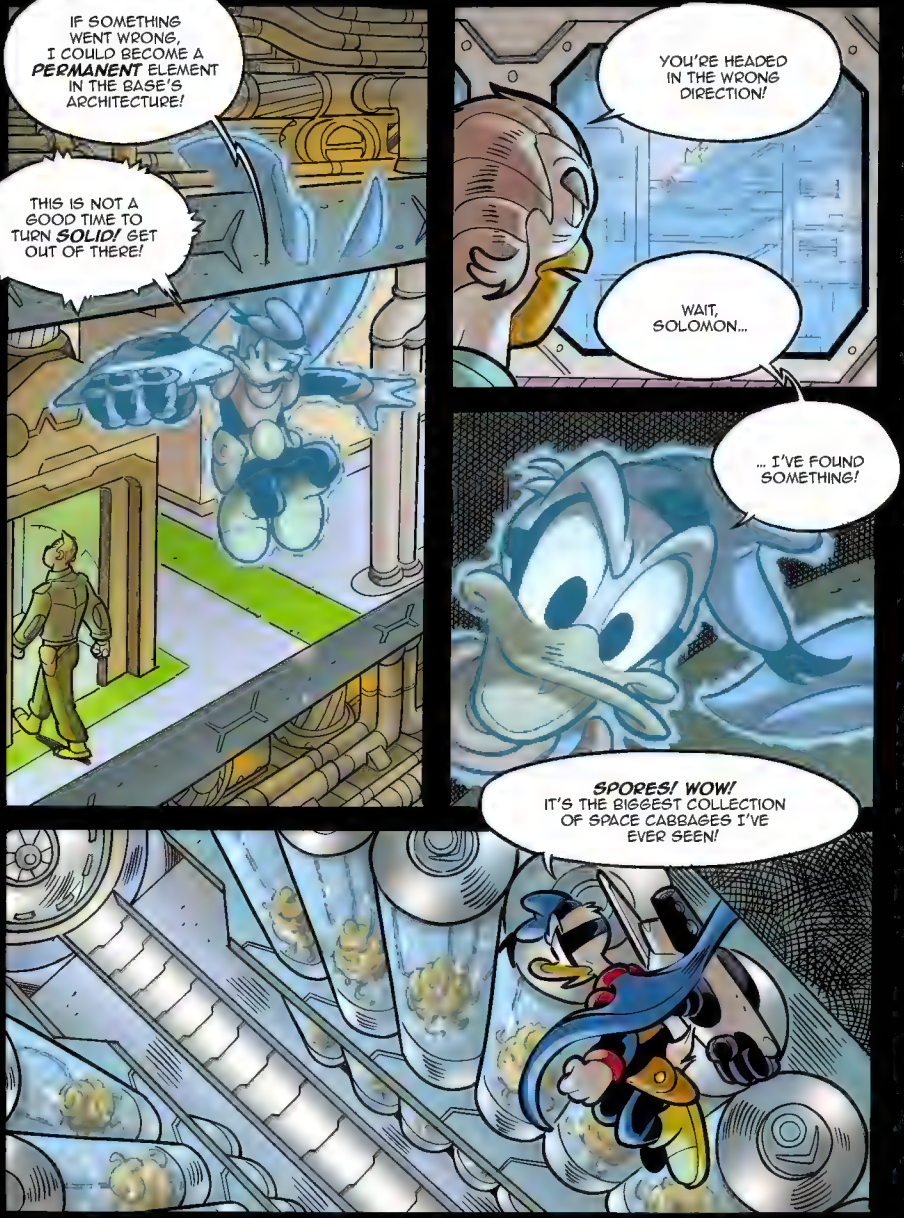
INDEED! BUT I MUST INFORM YOU THAT ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE GATHERED WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL!
YOUR IDEA OF COOPERATION IS QUESTIONABLE!
ON THE CONTRARY, MY FRIEND! I AM NOT UNGRATEFUL! I KNOW HOW GREAT OUR DEBT IS TO THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION FOR ALL YOUR HELP!
BUT I AM ALSO A GENERAL AND MY DUTY IS TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE!
THEN YOU MUST KNOW WE'RE FACING A CRISIS...
AND I KNOW I CAN'T LET YOU RESOLVE IT ON YOUR OWN! IT WILL BE YOU WHO WILL WORK WITH US! IT MAY SEEM LIKE A MINOR DIFFERENCE, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU IT'S NOT...
EAGER TO ACQUIRE A NEW MEDAL?
NO! I WANT TO BE CAPABLE OF CONFRONTING A THREAT ALONE! TODAY THE ENEMY IS AN ALIEN, BUT TOMORROW IT COULD BE THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO DEPEND ON YOU?
ALL TOO WELL, GENERAL WESTCOCK! I WILL REFLECT ON YOUR WORDS AND LET YOU KNOW!


BLIP
STUPID EARTHLINGS!
SKRAW
PRESENT COMPANY EXCLUDED, YOU MEAN! RIGHT, SOLOMON?
THE WORLD IS DANCING ON THE EDGE OF A VOLCANO AND THEY DON'T REALIZE IT! WESTCOCK THINKS ABOUT HIS STRATEGIES WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THEY'LL BE USELESS AGAINST MOLDROCK!
THEN WE'LL DO IT OURSELVES! I KNOW THE ADDRESS TO DEPARTMENT 51 QUITE WELL...
... AND THE DUCK AVENGER WILL UNCOVER EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT BRANCH CHIEF KARKADON!


DO YOU SEE IT, AVENGER?
YES... AND I HOPE THAT THEY DON'T SEE ME!
YOUR VEHICLE AND YOUR SUIT ARE CLOAKED! YOU'RE PERFECTLY INVISIBLE TO ANY DETECTION SYSTEM! ARE YOU READY TO MAKE YOUR ENTRANCE?
READY AS I'LL EVER BE! I'M CURIOUS TO FIND OUT IF YOUR MODIFICATIONS TO THE COSTUME REALLY WORK!
IT'S TOO LATE TO HAVE DOUBTS... IN ANY CASE, IT'S ONLY A FEW TWEAKS! ALL I DID WAS EXTEND THE DENSOMORPHIC FUNCTION...
SHIELD!
WITH THE NEW COMMAND, YOU CAN MODIFY YOUR CORPOREAL DENSITY TO TRAVERSE OBSTACLES AND WALLS LIKE A SPECTER...
DPT 51
WHUD
BUZ
?

BUT FIRST YOU MUST REMEMBER TO ACTIVATE IT!
OUCH! YOU GOT TO BE MORE PRECISE!
AAAAAH!
BZZZAP
URGH!
QUIET, SOLDIER! DO YOU WANT TO WAKE THE WHOLE BASE?
I'M INSIDE, SOLOMON! NOW WHAT HAPPENS?
FIND ME A TERMINAL OR SOME OTHER POINT OF ACCESS TO THE NETWORK! ONCE WE LAUNCH MY PHANTOMWARE WE WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ARCHIVES!
FOR THIS HACKER NONSENSE, GOOD OLD WESTCOCK COULD THROW ME IN A CELL AND SWALLOW THE KEY! IS THIS STATION TO YOUR SATISFACTION?
I'LL MAKE DO WITH IT! AND YOU CAN RELAX! WE'RE NOT HERE TO STEAL INFORMATION!
WE'RE NOT SPIES OR CRIMINALS!
I KNOW! WE HAVE A PROBLEM TO SOLVE AND SINCE NOBODY IS HELPING US, WE'LL DO THINGS OURSELVES...
CLINK


THE PROGRAM IS WORKING! WE'RE INSIDE AND THERE'S A FAIR BIT OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL ON EVRON! LOOKS LIKE THERE'S AN ENTIRE LEVEL DEDICATED TO OUR FAVORITE ALIENS...
GIVE ME JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER AND WE'RE DONE...
OH, GET COMFY! I HAVE SOME PRACTICE WITH THESE MISSIONS! JUST WALK ON YOUR TIPTOES AND IT'S ALL SMOOTH SAILING FROM THERE!
MAN DOWN!
THERE'S AN INTRUDER! IT'S THE DUCK AVENGER!
URGH! I HOPE YOU'VE GATHERED ALL THE INFORMATION YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, SOLOMON...
... BECAUSE I NEED TO DISAPPEAR IN A HURRY!
THIS LITTLE TRICK IS USEFUL, BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL COMFORTABLE IN THE SLIGHTEST...


IF SOMETHING WENT WRONG, I COULD BECOME A PERMANENT ELEMENT IN THE BASE'S ARCHITECTURE!
THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME TO TURN SOLID! GET OUT OF THERE!
YOU'RE HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!
WAIT, SOLOMON...
... I'VE FOUND SOMETHING!
SPORES! WOW! IT'S THE BIGGEST COLLECTION OF SPACE CABBAGES I'VE EVER SEEN!

AND THERE'S MORE...
PUT DOWN THAT SHIELD AND RAISE YOUR HANDS! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, DUCK AVENGER!
I'D LOVE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU, BOYS...
THUD
... BUT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE ME VERY UNCOOPERATIVE!

FWOOOM
OOOF!
URGH!
FWOOOM
THIS IS ONE SHOCKING DISCOVERY, SOLOMON! EVRONIAN OFFICERS AND SCIENTISTS AT WORK IN A LAB! WESTCOCK WILL HAVE TO GIVE US ANSWERS!
CHUD
WE'RE NOT IN THE BEST POSITION TO DEMAND EXPLANATIONS! ABANDON THE BASE, AVENGER!
I'LL DO SO...
... BUT I'M NOT GOING BY MYSELF!
CRASH

WHICH ONE OF YOU IS KARKADON?
ARCHIATER KARKADON, PLEASE... AND WHATEVER YOUR QUESTION IS, MY ANSWER IS NO! I WON'T COOPERATE WITH THE ENEMY OF THE EMPIRE!
WHAT A NASTY CHARACTER!
GREAT EVRON! W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T WORRY, WISE GUY...
FWOOOOM
I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF THIS MESS...
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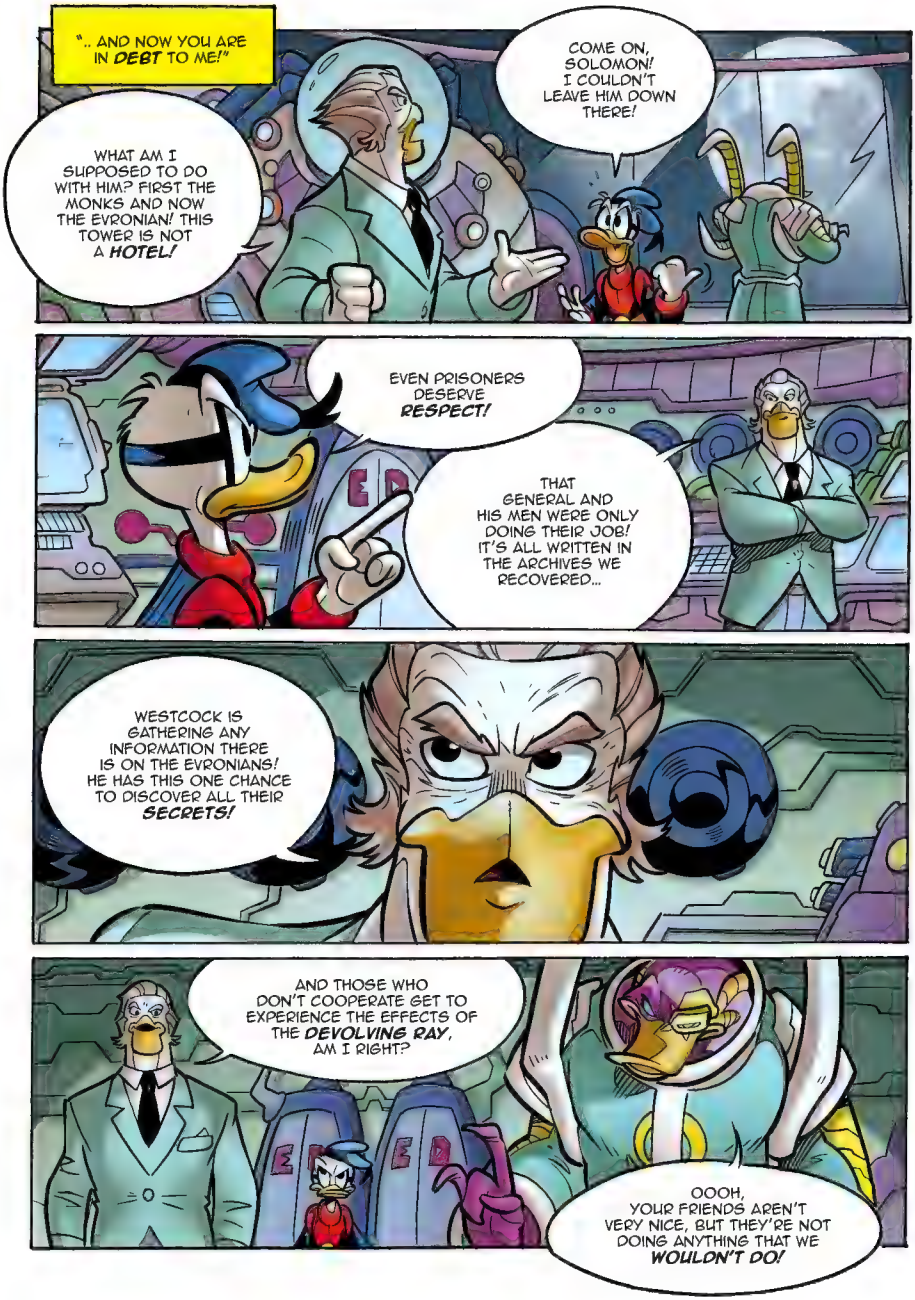
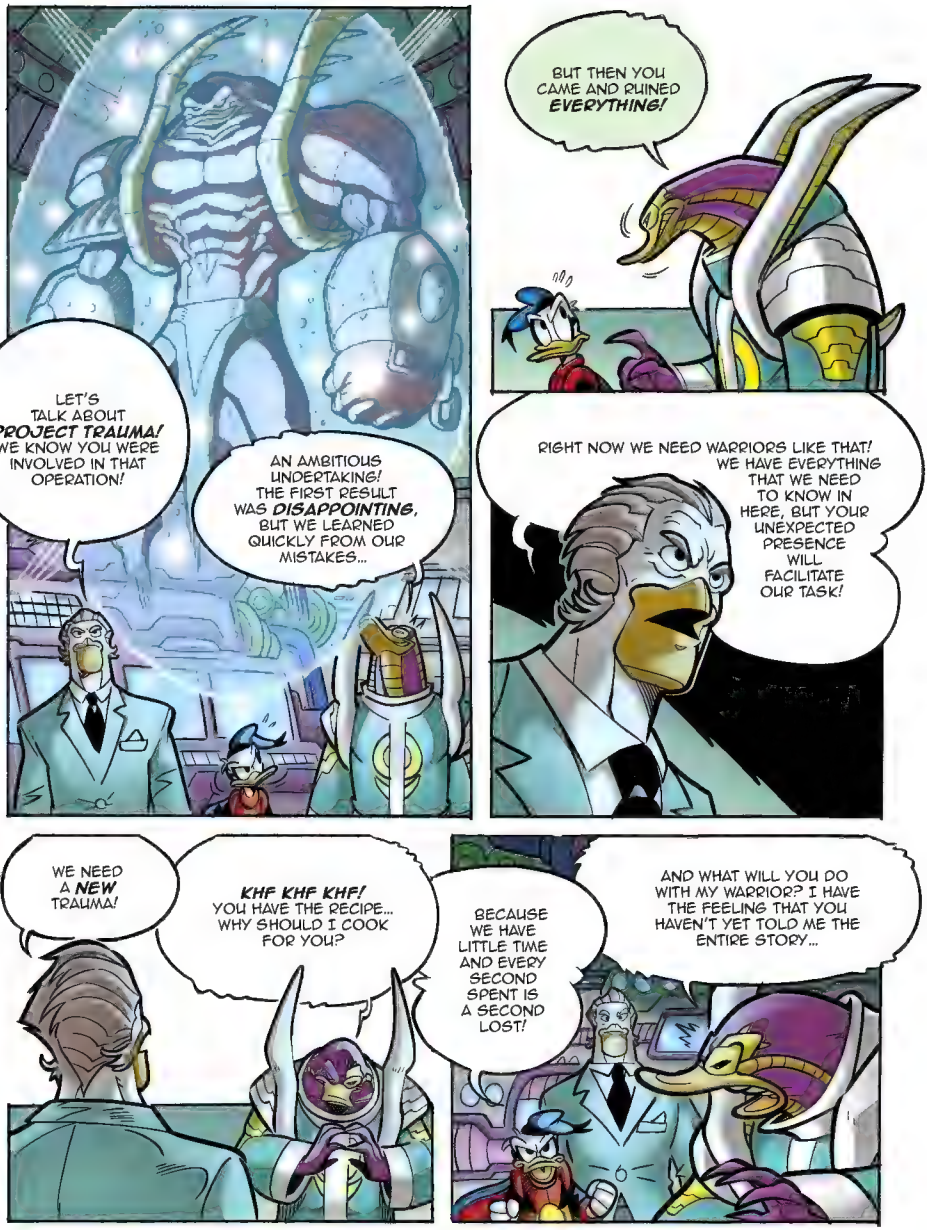
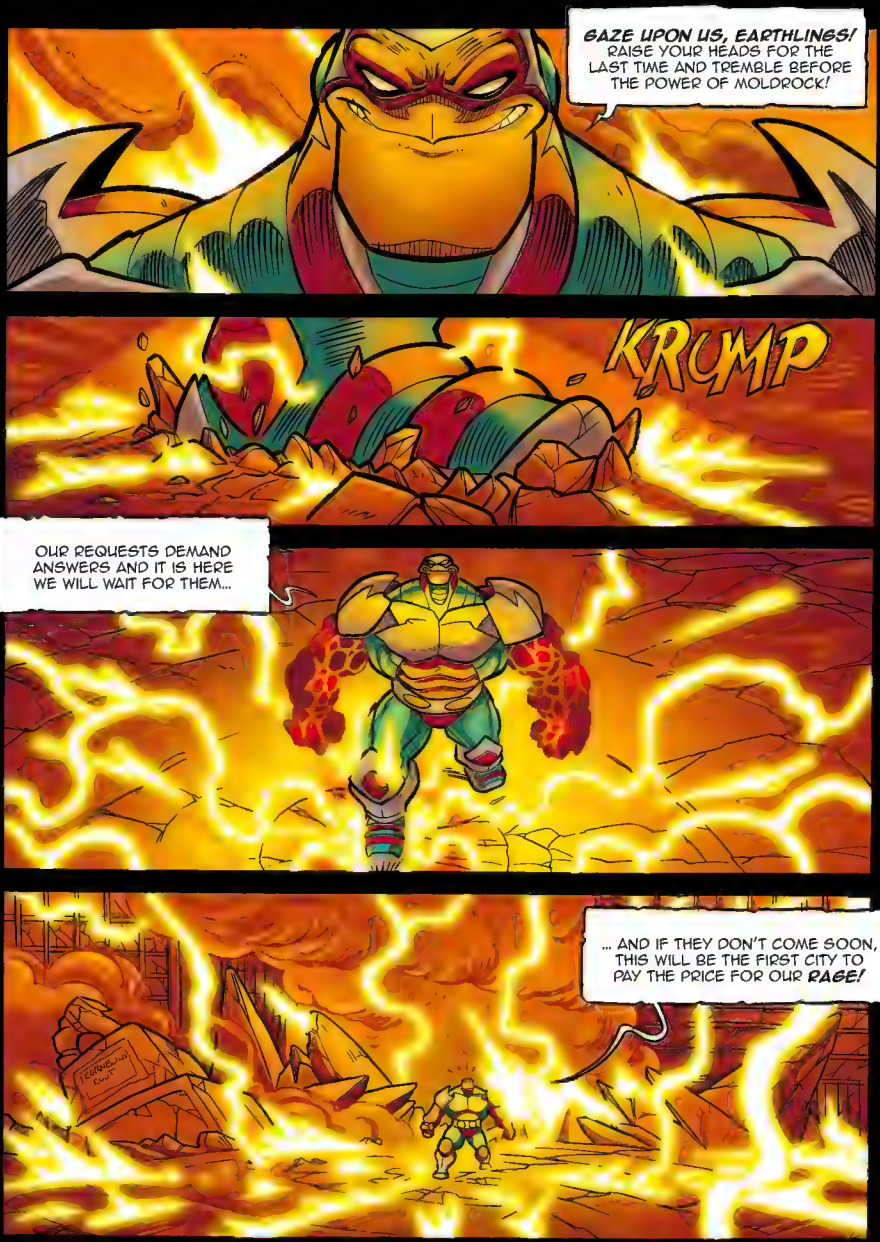
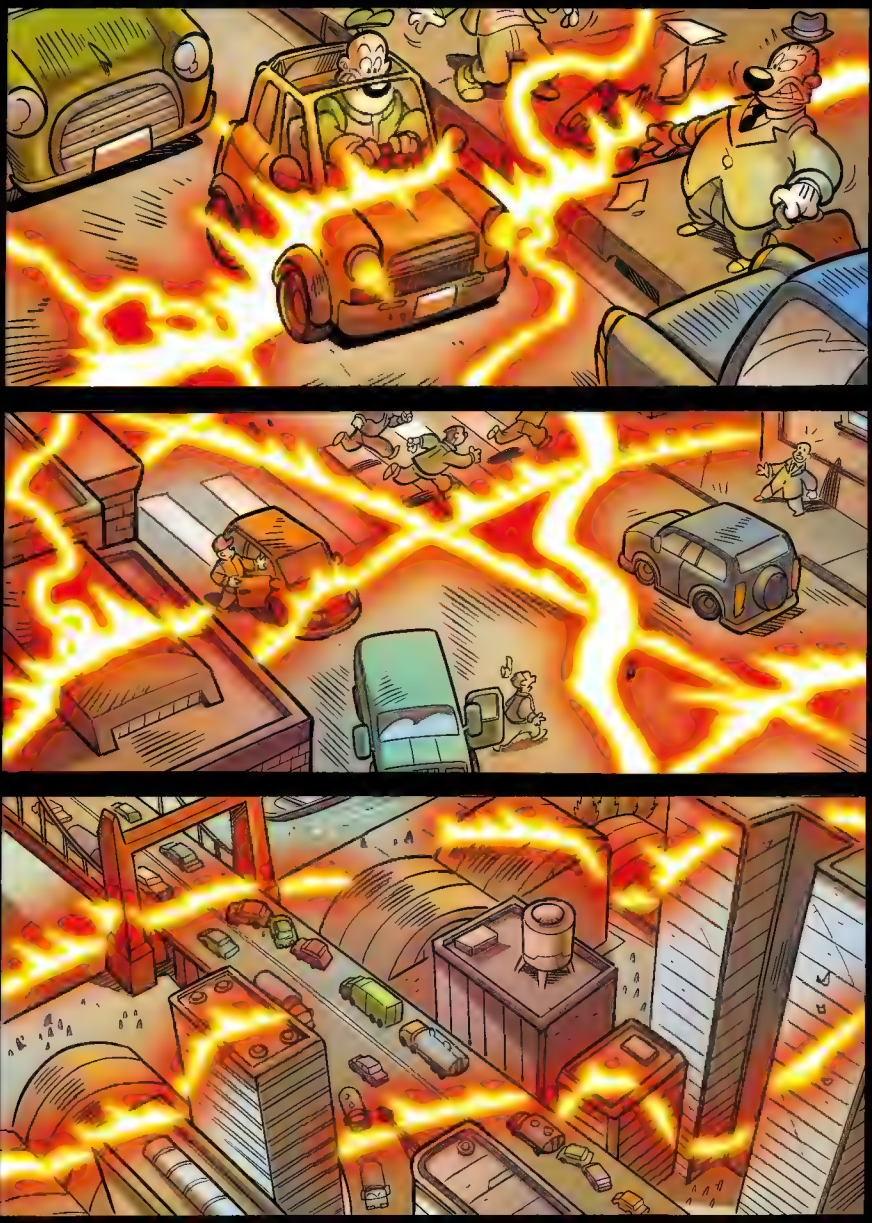

".. AND NOW YOU ARE IN DEBT TO ME!"
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HIM? FIRST THE MONKS AND NOW THE EVRONIAN! THIS TOWER IS NOT A HOTEL!
COME ON, SOLOMON! I COULDN'T LEAVE HIM DOWN THERE!
EVEN PRISONERS DESERVE RESPECT!
THAT GENERAL AND HIS MEN WERE ONLY DOING THEIR JOB! IT'S ALL WRITTEN IN THE ARCHIVES WE RECOVERED...
WESTCOCK IS GATHERING ANY INFORMATION THERE IS ON THE EVRONIANS! HE HAS THIS ONE CHANCE TO DISCOVER ALL THEIR SECRETS!
AND THOSE WHO DON'T COOPERATE GET TO EXPERIENCE THE EFFECTS OF THE DEVOLVING RAY, AM I RIGHT?
OOOH, YOUR FRIENDS AREN'T VERY NICE, BUT THEY'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING THAT WE WOULDN'T DO!


LET'S TALK ABOUT *PROJECT TRAUMA!* WE KNOW YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THAT OPERATION!
AN AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING! THE FIRST RESULT WAS *DISAPPOINTING*, BUT WE LEARNED QUICKLY FROM OUR MISTAKES...
BUT THEN YOU CAME AND RUINED *EVERYTHING!*
RIGHT NOW WE NEED WARRIORS LIKE THAT! WE HAVE EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED TO KNOW IN HERE, BUT YOUR UNEXPECTED PRESENCE WILL FACILITATE OUR TASK!
WE NEED A *NEW* TRAUMA!
KHF KHF KHF! YOU HAVE THE RECIPE... WHY SHOULD I COOK FOR YOU?
BECAUSE WE HAVE LITTLE TIME AND EVERY SECOND SPENT IS A SECOND LOST!
AND WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH MY WARRIOR? I HAVE THE FEELING THAT YOU HAVEN'T YET TOLD ME THE ENTIRE STORY...

OOOOMMM
OH NO...
WHAT WAS THAT?
THOOOOOOOMM

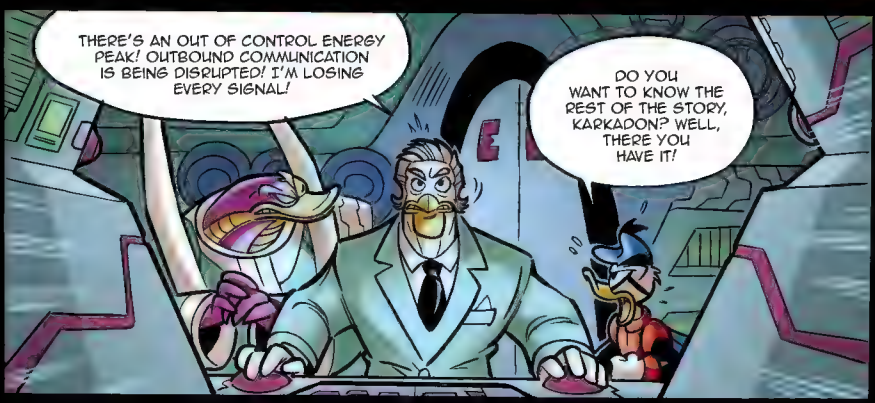
THOOOOOMMMMM
WE HAVE CHOSEN, AT LAST... AND IT WAS NOT A DIFFICULT CHOICE! THIS IS THE CITY EVERETT DUCKLAIR PREFERRED TO TAKE SHELTER IN...
... AND FROM NOW ON IT IS OURS!


GAZE UPON US, EARTHLINGS! RAISE YOUR HEADS FOR THE LAST TIME AND TREMBLE BEFORE THE POWER OF MOLDROCK!
KRUMP
OUR REQUESTS DEMAND ANSWERS AND IT IS HERE WE WILL WAIT FOR THEM...
... AND IF THEY DON'T COME SOON, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST CITY TO PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR RAGE!



THE LINE IS NOW DRAWN!

LET US SEE WHO DARES CROSS IT!


THERE'S AN OUT OF CONTROL ENERGY PEAK! OUTBOUND COMMUNICATION IS BEING DISRUPTED! I'M LOSING EVERY SIGNAL!
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY, KARKADON? WELL, THERE YOU HAVE IT!

CAN'T I GO BACK TO MY PRISON? I FEEL MUCH SAFER DOWN THERE!
NO PLACE IS SAFE! MOLDROCK IS HERE!
DUCKBURG IS ISOLATED, AVENGER!
NO ONE CAN ENTER, NO ONE CAN EXIT! OR CAN THEY? YOU WILL FIND OUT IN THE THIRD PART OF "MARK OF MOLDROCK"!
END OF PART TWO

IS IT WORKING?
JUST A MOMENT, MR. FANGUS! I HAVE TO TURN ON THE CAMERA!
IP-3207-1
THERE! I SEE YOU PERFECTLY!
ORVILLE, YOU MORON! DON'T POINT IT AT ME! FILM THE CITY!
RG.
THIS WILL BE ANOTHER EXTRAORDINARY STORY! THE DAUNTLESS ANGUS FANGUS STANDS ALONE ON THE STREETS OF A DESERTED DUCKBURG INVADED BY HOSTILE CREATURES...
ALONE? WHAT ABOUT ME?
DETAILS, SONNY! LIKE THE RENEWAL OF YOUR CONTRACT LYING ON MY DESK WHICH I COULD FORGET TO SIGN!
GLOM!
ZOW
VRRRR
TONK

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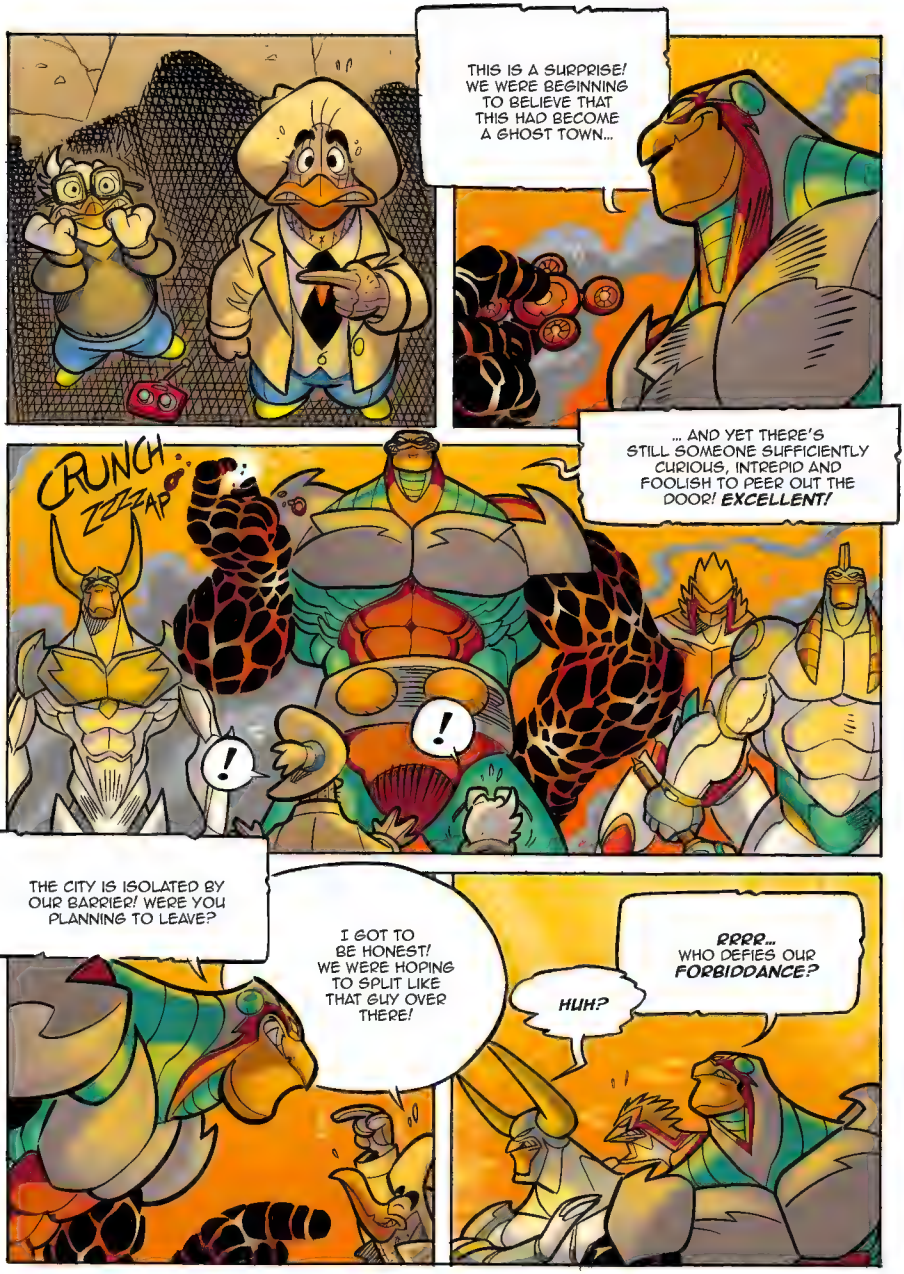
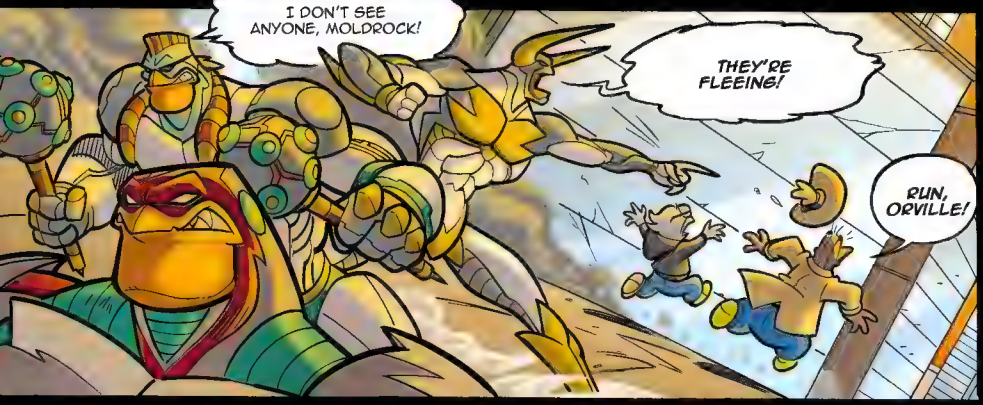
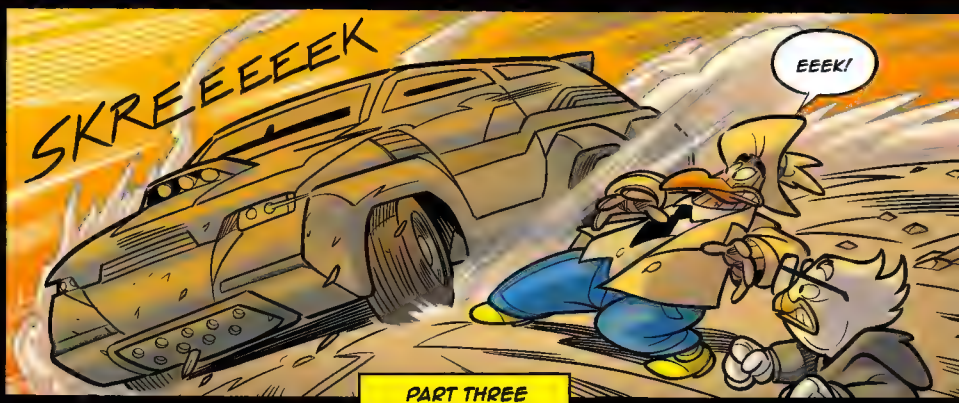

THIS IS A SURPRISE! WE WERE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THAT THIS HAD BECOME A GHOST TOWN...
... AND YET THERE'S STILL SOMEONE SUFFICIENTLY CURIOUS, INTREPID AND FOOLISH TO PEER OUT THE DOOR! EXCELLENT!
CRUNCH
ZZZZAP
!
!
THE CITY IS ISOLATED BY OUR BARRIER! WERE YOU PLANNING TO LEAVE?
I GOT TO BE HONEST! WE WERE HOPING TO SPLIT LIKE THAT GUY OVER THERE!
HUH?
RRRR... WHO DEFIES OUR FORBIDDANCE?



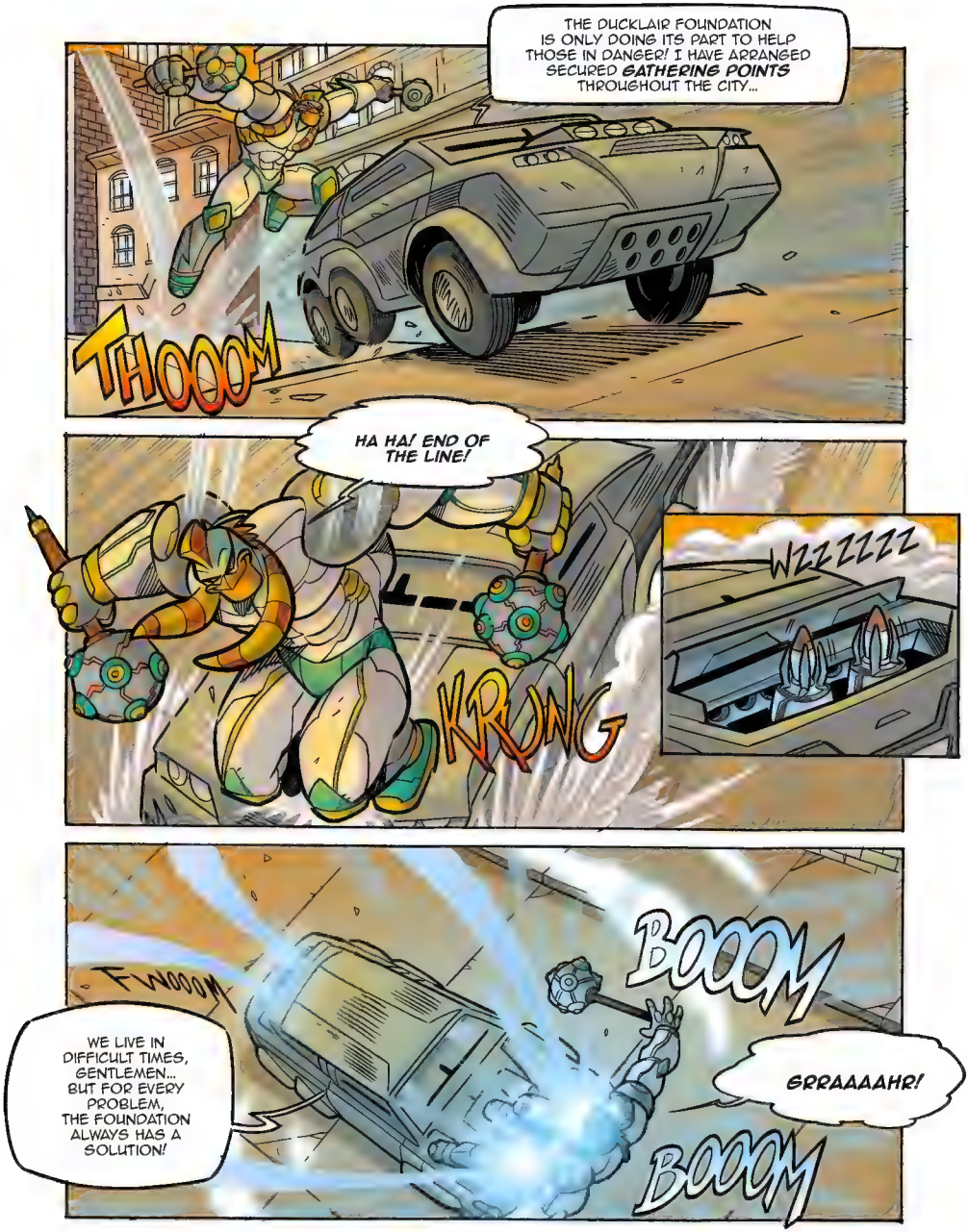
IL MARCHIO DI MOLDROCK

WALT DISNEY



PART THREE

KLAK
GET IN, QUICK!
YOU WON'T HAVE TO REPEAT YOURSELF, PAL!
BUT... WHO'S DRIVING?
NO ONE! THIS IS A VEHICLE WITH AN AUTOPILOT, A PROTOTYPE KINDLY PROVIDED BY THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION! I AM SOLOMON HECKS...
SBRANG
... AND I'M HERE TO GET YOU TO SAFETY! HOLD ON TIGHT!
EEEEEK!
VROOOAAAAARRR
GET THEM, SHARKAN... BUT WE WANT THEM ALIVE! WE ARE CURIOUS TO LOOK INTO THE EYES OF THOSE WHO RESIST US!
WHERE DID THOSE MONSTERS COME FROM? IS THE FOUNDATION INVOLVED SOMEHOW?
THIS IS A BAD TIME FOR AN INTERVIEW! MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MY SECRETARY AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU ONE!


THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION IS ONLY DOING ITS PART TO HELP THOSE IN DANGER! I HAVE ARRANGED SECURED GATHERING POINTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY...
THOOOM
HA HA! END OF THE LINE!
KRUNG
WZZZZZZ
FWOOOM
BOOOM
GRRAAAAHR!
BOOOM
WE LIVE IN DIFFICULT TIMES, GENTLEMEN... BUT FOR EVERY PROBLEM, THE FOUNDATION ALWAYS HAS A SOLUTION!

THIS IS ITS MISSION!
RRR...
VROOOM
OTHER VEHICLES LIKE THIS ONE ARE OUT ON THE STREETS OF DUCKBURG! THE CITY IS ISOLATED AND SO WE MUST MANAGE ON OUR OWN...
... AND WE WILL DO SO BY USING THE MANY PROPERTIES THE FOUNDATION HAS AVAILABLE! STORAGES, DEPOTS AND OTHER PROTECTED AREAS!
MOLDROCK AND HIS WARRIORS WON'T FIND YOU DOWN HERE...
IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY SOLUTION, BUT YOU WILL BE SAFE!
WWWZZZZ

JOIN THE OTHERS AND DON'T LEAVE FOR ANY REASON!
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, HECKS! I'M NOT VERY FOND OF YOU, BUT YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CITY MAKES YOU A REAL HERO!
UNLIKE THAT MASKED DUCK! WHERE'S THAT CLOWN AT? WHERE'S THAT NUISANCE HIDING WHEN THE CITY NEEDS HIM?
GET OUT, FANGUS!
THE VEHICLE MUST DEPART FOR FURTHER RECONNAISSANCE! BUT I PROMISE YOU ONE THING...
SPROING
SPROING
ULP!
"... IF I RUN INTO THE DUCK AVENGER, I'LL TELL HIM YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIM!"
ARE YOU SURE IT WILL WORK? MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE DONE A TEST RUN INSIDE FIRST! SPACE TRAVEL IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!
TRUST ME! I HAVE BUILT THIS MODEL ACCORDING TO THE PLANS FOR EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S SPACESHIP...
IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR OF YOUR HOURS! I DON'T KNOW HOW THINGS WORK ON EARTH, BUT ON EVRON THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE IN A HURRY!

I WILL BE SURE NOT TO REGISTER YOUR LAST COMMENT, ARCHIATER KARKADON! YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY THINGS I CAN DO SIMULTANEOUSLY!
HAVE YOU ENTERED YOUR COURSE INTO THE NAVIGATOR?
COURSE PROGRAMMED! THE WELL AWAITS! IT WILL BE GOOD TO COME BACK HOME!
BUT IT WILL BE EVEN BETTER TO COME BACK TO DUCKBURG WITH GENERAL TRAUMA! TAKE GOOD CARE! WE'LL BE UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE ONCE YOU ARE OUT OF THE DOME!
THE BARRIER HAS DISRUPTED EVERY EXTERNAL SIGNAL!
WE'LL BE CAUTIOUS AND GIVE IT OUR BEST! FOR ONCE, WE AND THE EVRONIANS HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE... STOPPING MOLDROCK! YOU TAKE CARE OF DUCKBURG...
... WE'LL HANDLE THE REST!
BRRR
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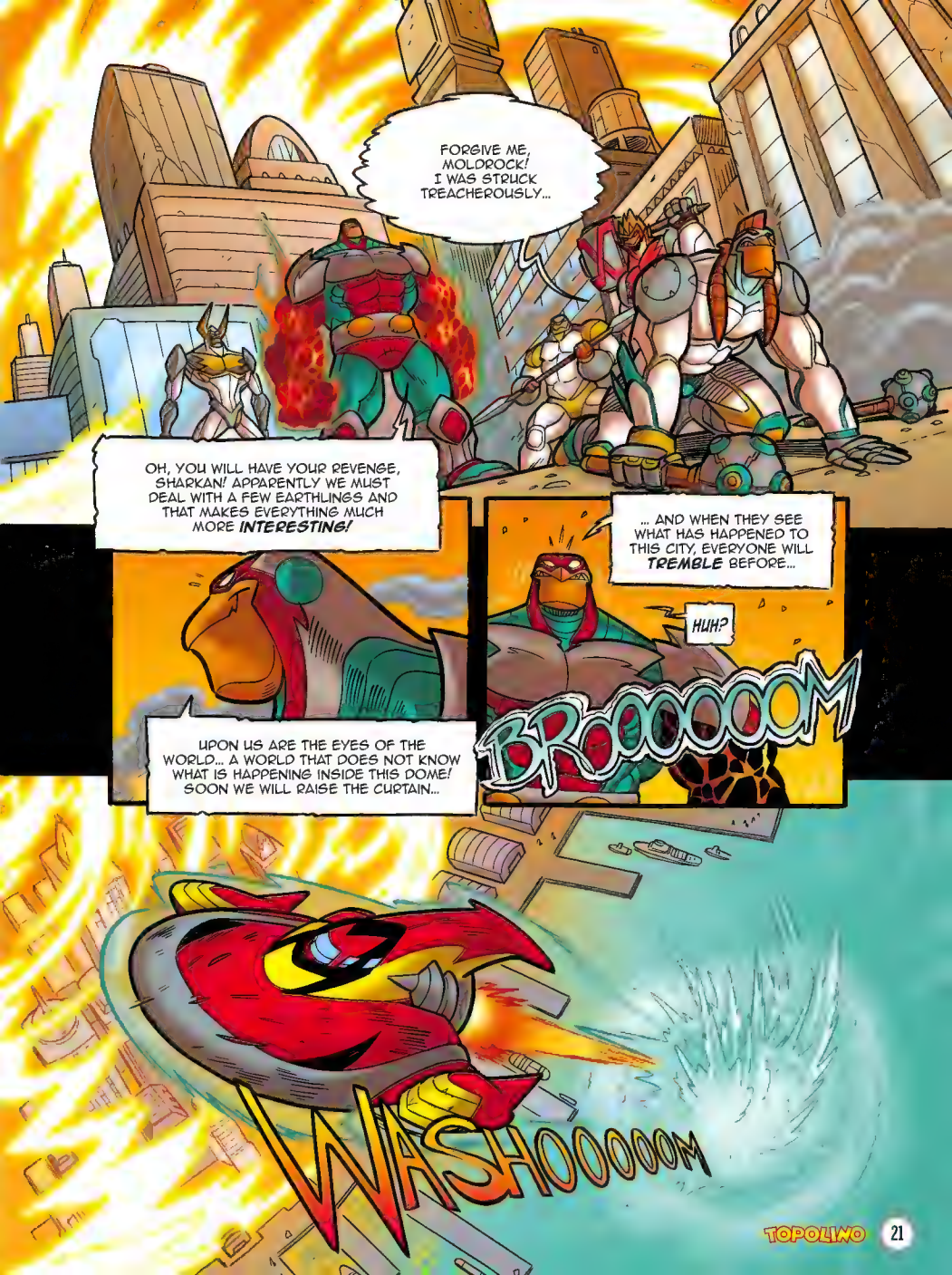
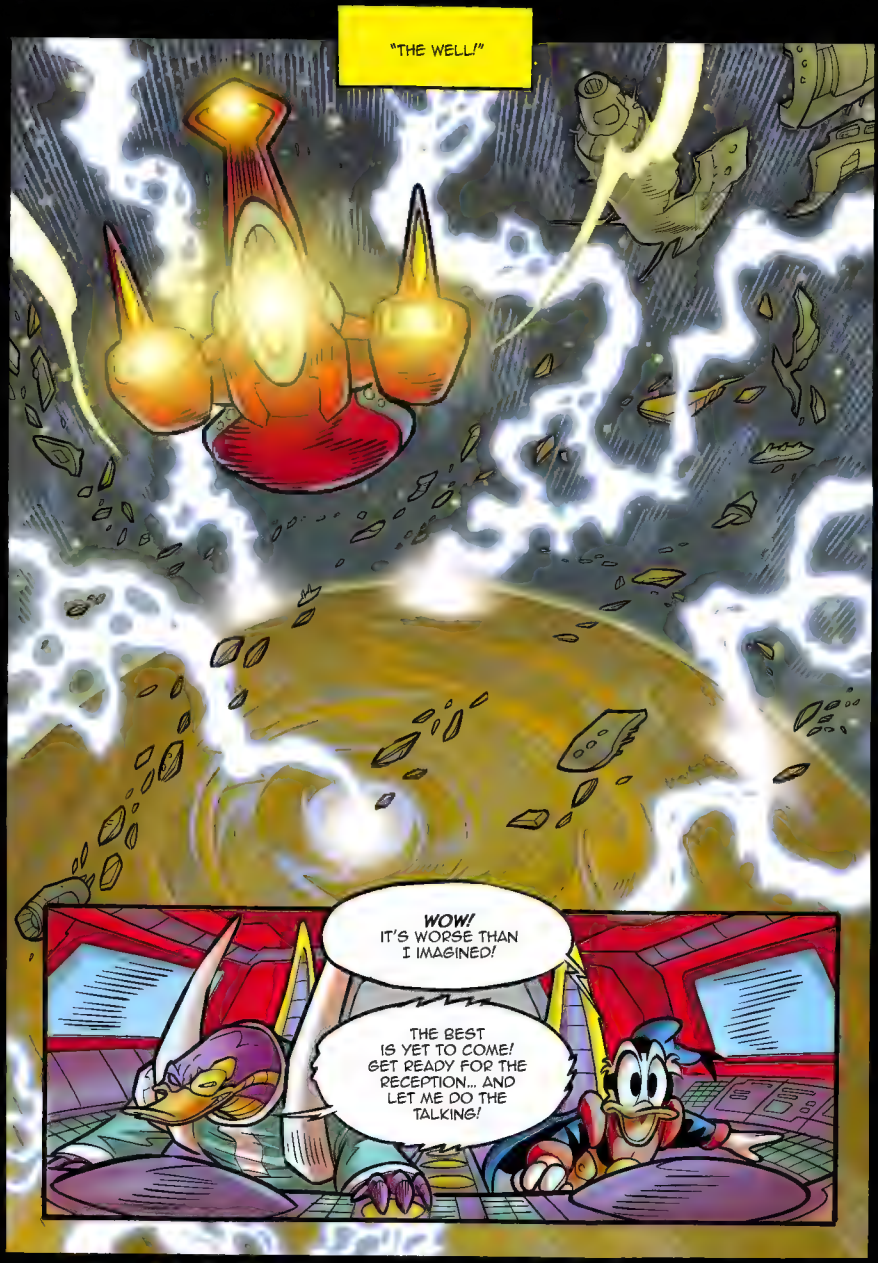
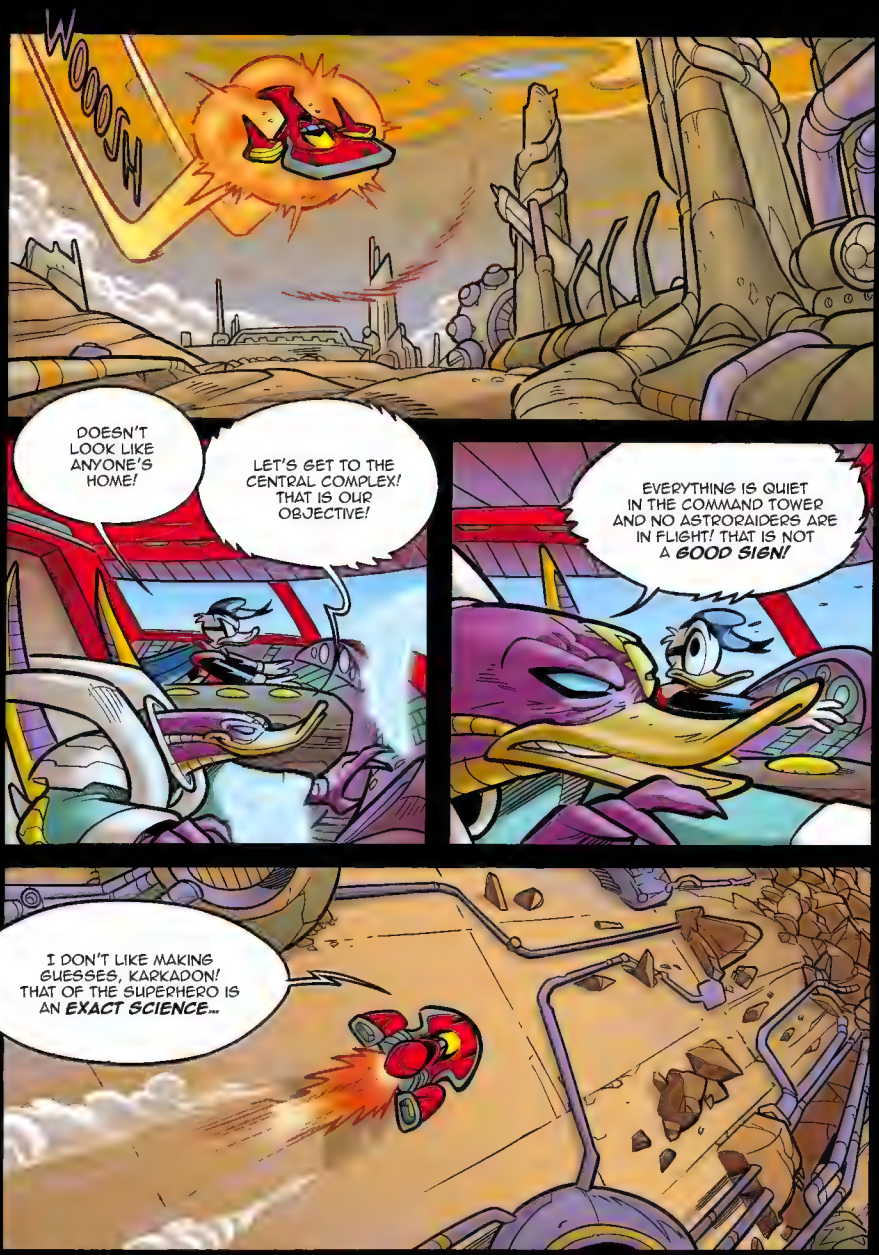
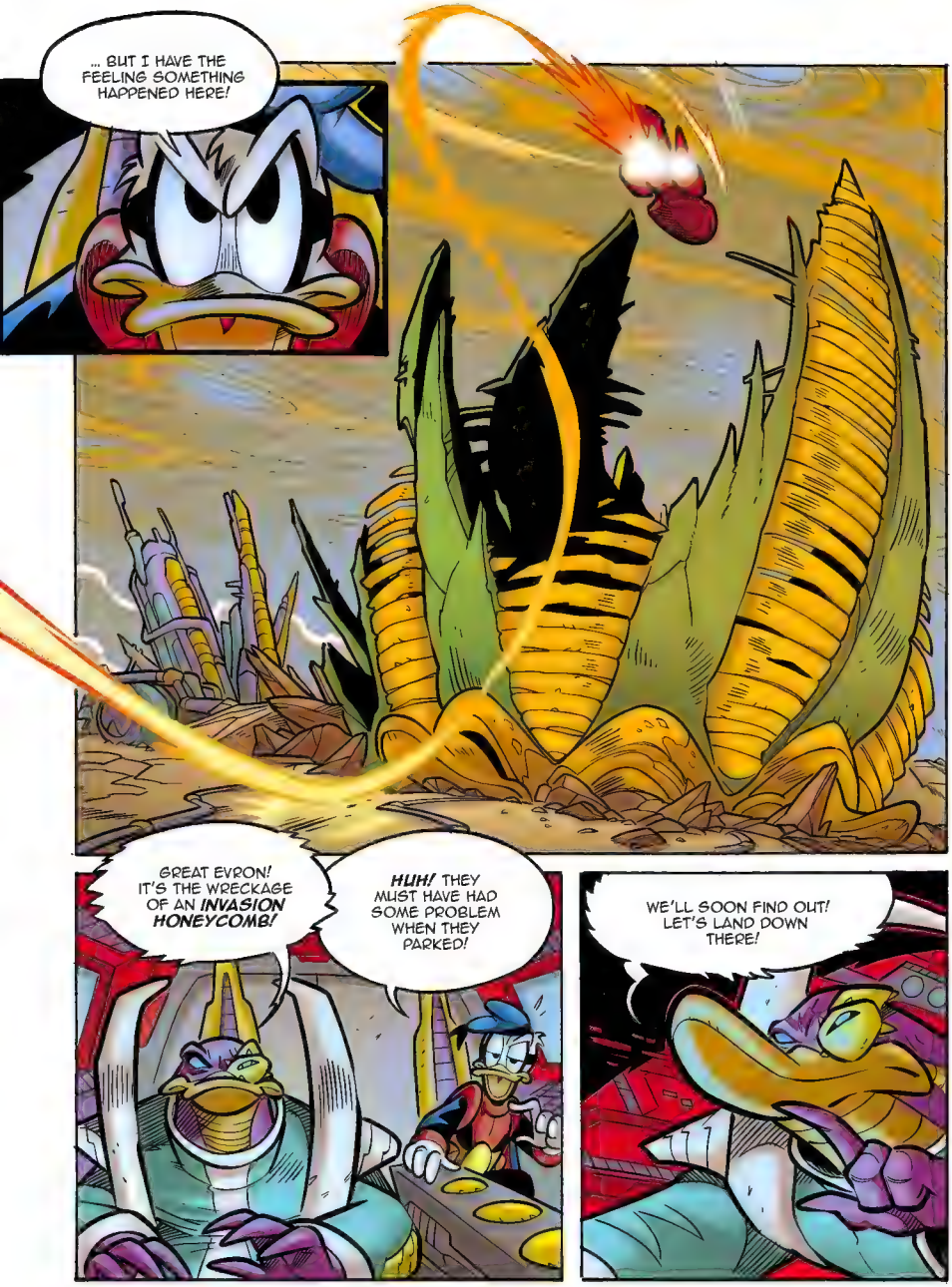

FORGIVE ME, MOLDROCK! I WAS STRUCK TREACHEROUSLY...
OH, YOU WILL HAVE YOUR REVENGE, SHARKAN! APPARENTLY WE MUST DEAL WITH A FEW EARTHLINGS AND THAT MAKES EVERYTHING MUCH MORE INTERESTING!
... AND WHEN THEY SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS CITY, EVERYONE WILL TREMBLE BEFORE...
HUH?
BROOOOOOM
UPON US ARE THE EYES OF THE WORLD... A WORLD THAT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE THE DOME! SOON WE WILL RAISE THE CURTAIN...
WASHOOOOOM

FWOOOOOOOOM
WE'RE OUT!
SURPRISED? DUCKLAIR TOWER HAS A GOOD AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY EXITS! MOLDROCK'S TRAP DIDN'T STOP US!
AND IF YOUR INFO IS CORRECT, WE'LL SOON TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE WITH OUR ALLY! BUT DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, KARKADON...
KHF KHF KHF! YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE ME! AN ARCHIATER HAS ONLY ONE WORD WHEN SPEAKING OF SURVIVAL...
... ESPECIALLY IF THE ONE AT STAKE IS HIS!
ONE MORE REASON TO GO ALL OUT, THEN!
KA-BOOOMM

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT DOWN THERE? FROM WHAT LITTLE I KNOW, IT SHOULDN'T BE A VERY WELCOMING PLACE!
KHF KHF! AND WHAT PRISON IS?
WE'RE HEADED FOR AN ARTIFICIAL PLANETOID CRAWLING WITH MUTANTS, ABOMINABLE CRIMINALS AND PRISONERS OF WAR...
IT'S WHERE THE EVRONIAN EMPIRE HAS GATHERED THE GALAXY'S LESS DESIRABLE INDIVIDUALS...
... IN THE DARKEST AND COLDEST CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE!

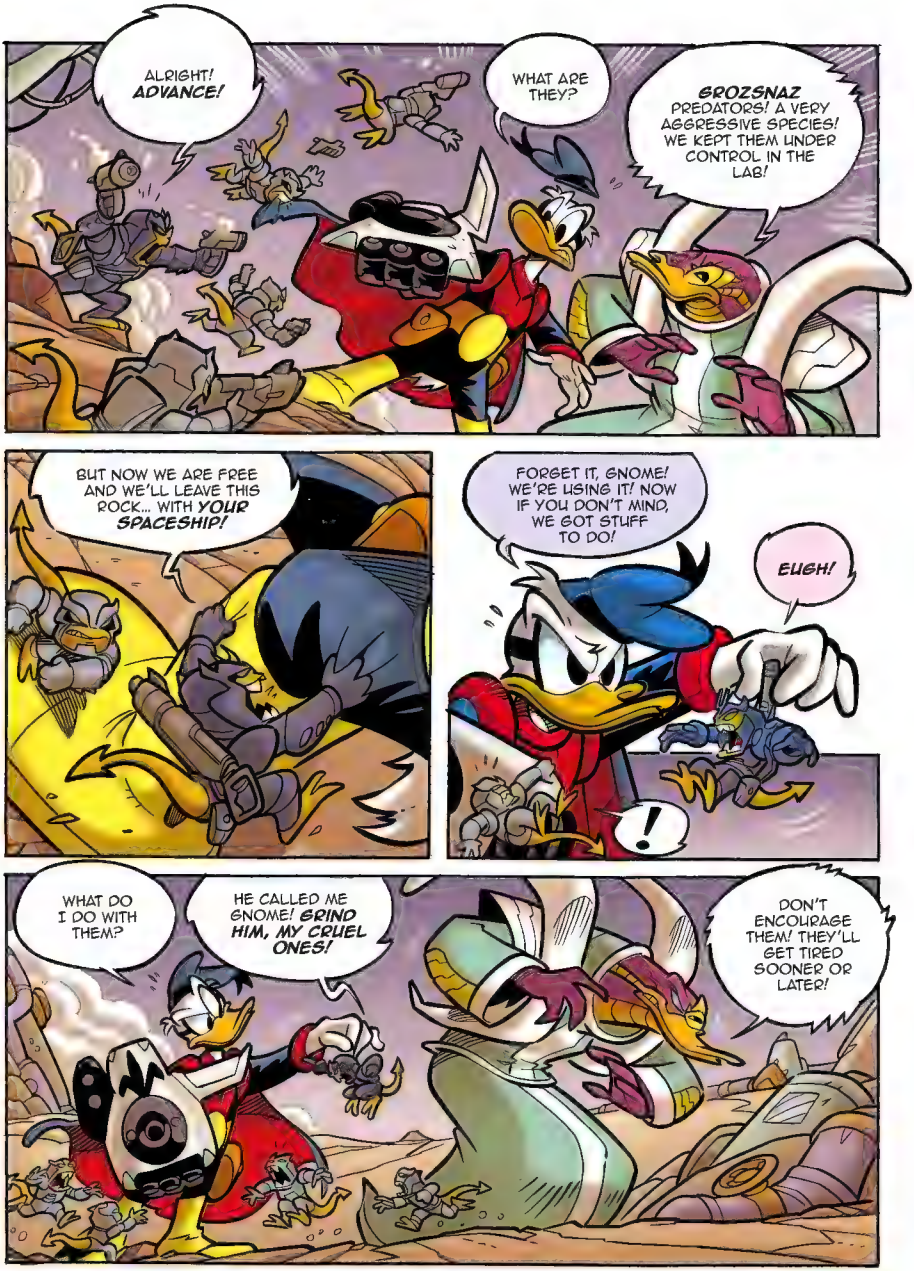

"THE WELL!"
WOW! IT'S WORSE THAN I IMAGINED!
THE BEST IS YET TO COME! GET READY FOR THE RECEPTION... AND LET ME DO THE TALKING!


WOOOSH
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE'S HOME!
LET'S GET TO THE CENTRAL COMPLEX! THAT IS OUR OBJECTIVE!
EVERYTHING IS QUIET IN THE COMMAND TOWER AND NO ASTRORAIDERS ARE IN FLIGHT! THAT IS NOT A GOOD SIGN!
I DON'T LIKE MAKING GUESSES, KARKADON! THAT OF THE SUPERHERO IS AN EXACT SCIENCE...


... BUT I HAVE THE FEELING SOMETHING HAPPENED HERE!
GREAT EVRON! IT'S THE WRECKAGE OF AN INVASION HONEYCOMB!
HUH! THEY MUST HAVE HAD SOME PROBLEM WHEN THEY PARKED!
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT! LET'S LAND DOWN THERE!

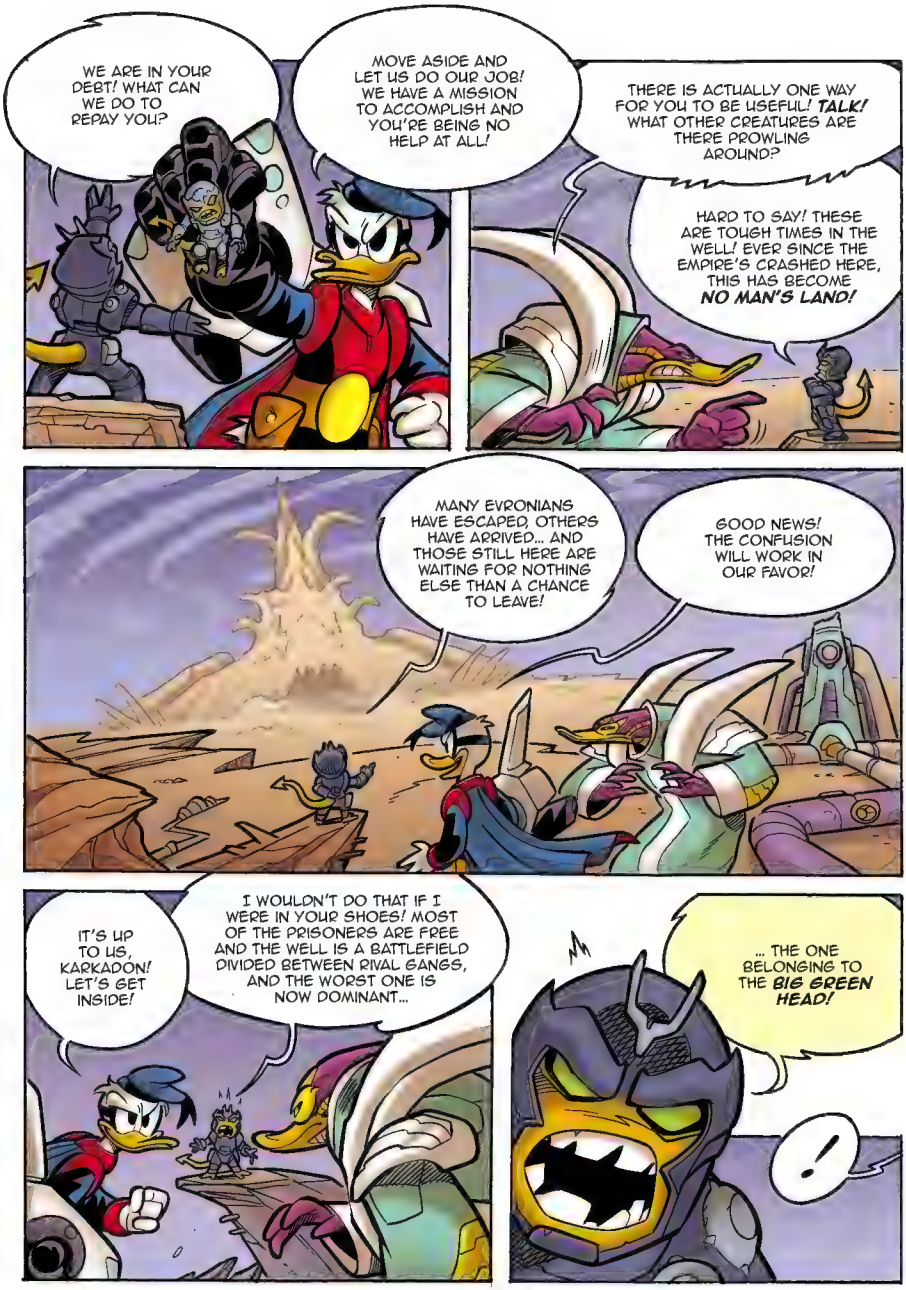
I HOPE WE HAVEN'T TRAVELED HERE FOR NOTHING! IF THE WELL REALLY IS *DESERTED*...
... THE PROBABILITY OF FINDING TRAUMA WOULD BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED!
I DON'T LIKE THIS SILENCE... AND I HAVE THE UNPLEASANT SENSATION OF BEING *WATCHED!*
GOOD TO KNOW...
... THAT GIVES ME REASON TO DUST OFF MY FAVORITE SHIELD!
WIIIRRR
GET READY! ONE OF THE TWO LOOKS TO BE ARMED!
WE ALSO GOT WEAPONS, MAJOR!
SET ALL *ANNIHILATORS* TO *MAXIMUM INTENSITY!* MOVE OUT INTO THE OPEN ON MY SIGNAL! THE RULE IS THE SAME AS ALWAYS...

!
?
... SHOW THEM WHO WE ARE!
ADVANCE!
FIRE!
KRRR-ZZZAP
URGH! IT STINGS!
ZZZAP
KRRR
ZAP
AH HA... PRESS ONWARD! MAXIMUM INTENSITY! THEY'RE FALLING!
ZZZAP
KRRR
POW
FOMP
URGH!
EHP!


ALRIGHT! ADVANCE!
WHAT ARE THEY?
GROZSNAZ PREDATORS! A VERY AGGRESSIVE SPECIES! WE KEPT THEM UNDER CONTROL IN THE LAB!
BUT NOW WE ARE FREE AND WE'LL LEAVE THIS ROCK... WITH YOUR SPACESHIP!
FORGET IT, GNOME! WE'RE USING IT! NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE GOT STUFF TO DO!
EUGH!
!
WHAT DO I DO WITH THEM?
HE CALLED ME GNOME! GRIND HIM, MY CRUEL ONES!
DON'T ENCOURAGE THEM! THEY'LL GET TIRED SOONER OR LATER!

BUT IF THE GROZSNAZ ARE OUT OF THE WELL, WE MUST BE READY FOR THE WORST! AMONGST ALL THE PRISONERS, THEY'RE THE FRIENDLIEST...
SKREOOOW
ULP!
TOW TOW
... AND THEN THERE'S THE OVERSEERS!
SKREOOOW
SKREOOOW
GET BEHIND ME, MICROBES!
YOU ARE IN A RESTRICTED AREA! PREPARE TO SUFFER THE SENTENCE OF THE CASTIGATOR!
SKREOOOW
SKREOOOW
HE CALLED US MICROBES!
MUCH OBLIGED! EVERYONE BEHIND HIM!

SKREOOOW
SKREOOOW
SKREOOW
SUCCUMB WITHOUT RESISTANCE! PUNISHMENT IS INEVITABLE!
OH, I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE!
BZZZZAP
I'VE BEEN HERE FOR TEN MINUTES AND I'M ALREADY SICK OF BEING THE TARGET FOR ALL THE CRAZIES AROUND HERE...
-KRA-KRAW
... AND IT COULDN'T BE ANY LESS FUN!
BRUMP
WOAH!
I GOT HIM, MAJOR! WHAT DO I DO?
LOOSEN YOUR STEEL GRIP, MY BOLD ONE! THIS GUY JUST SAVED OUR SKINS!


WE ARE IN YOUR DEBT! WHAT CAN WE DO TO REPAY YOU?
MOVE ASIDE AND LET US DO OUR JOB! WE HAVE A MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH AND YOU'RE BEING NO HELP AT ALL!
THERE IS ACTUALLY ONE WAY FOR YOU TO BE USEFUL! TALK! WHAT OTHER CREATURES ARE THERE PROWLING AROUND?
HARD TO SAY! THESE ARE TOUGH TIMES IN THE WELL! EVER SINCE THE EMPIRE'S CRASHED HERE, THIS HAS BECOME NO MAN'S LAND!
MANY EVRONIANS HAVE ESCAPED, OTHERS HAVE ARRIVED... AND THOSE STILL HERE ARE WAITING FOR NOTHING ELSE THAN A CHANCE TO LEAVE!
GOOD NEWS! THE CONFUSION WILL WORK IN OUR FAVOR!
IT'S UP TO US, KARKADON! LET'S GET INSIDE!
I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WERE IN YOUR SHOES! MOST OF THE PRISONERS ARE FREE AND THE WELL IS A BATTLEFIELD DIVIDED BETWEEN RIVAL GANGS, AND THE WORST ONE IS NOW DOMINANT...
... THE ONE BELONGING TO THE BIG GREEN HEAD!
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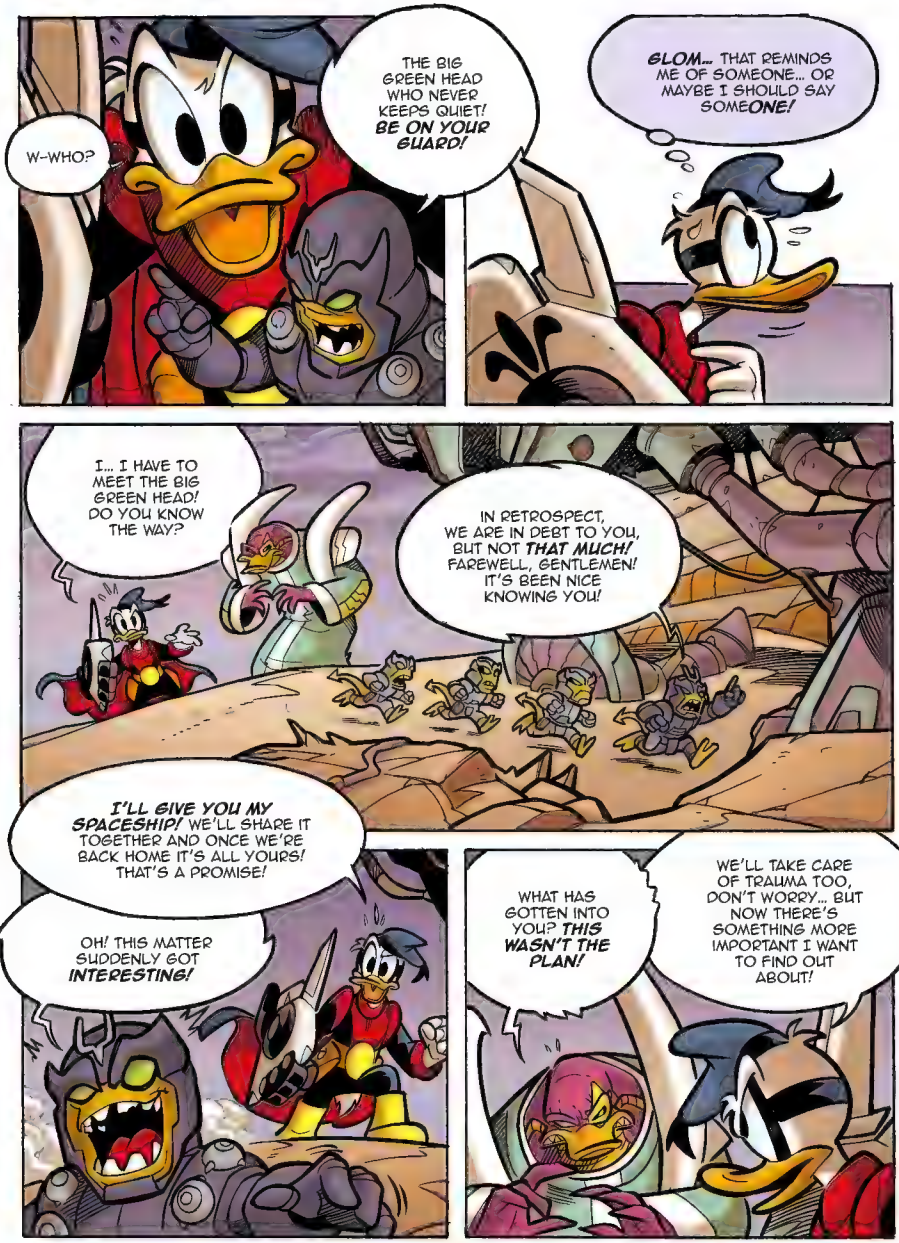
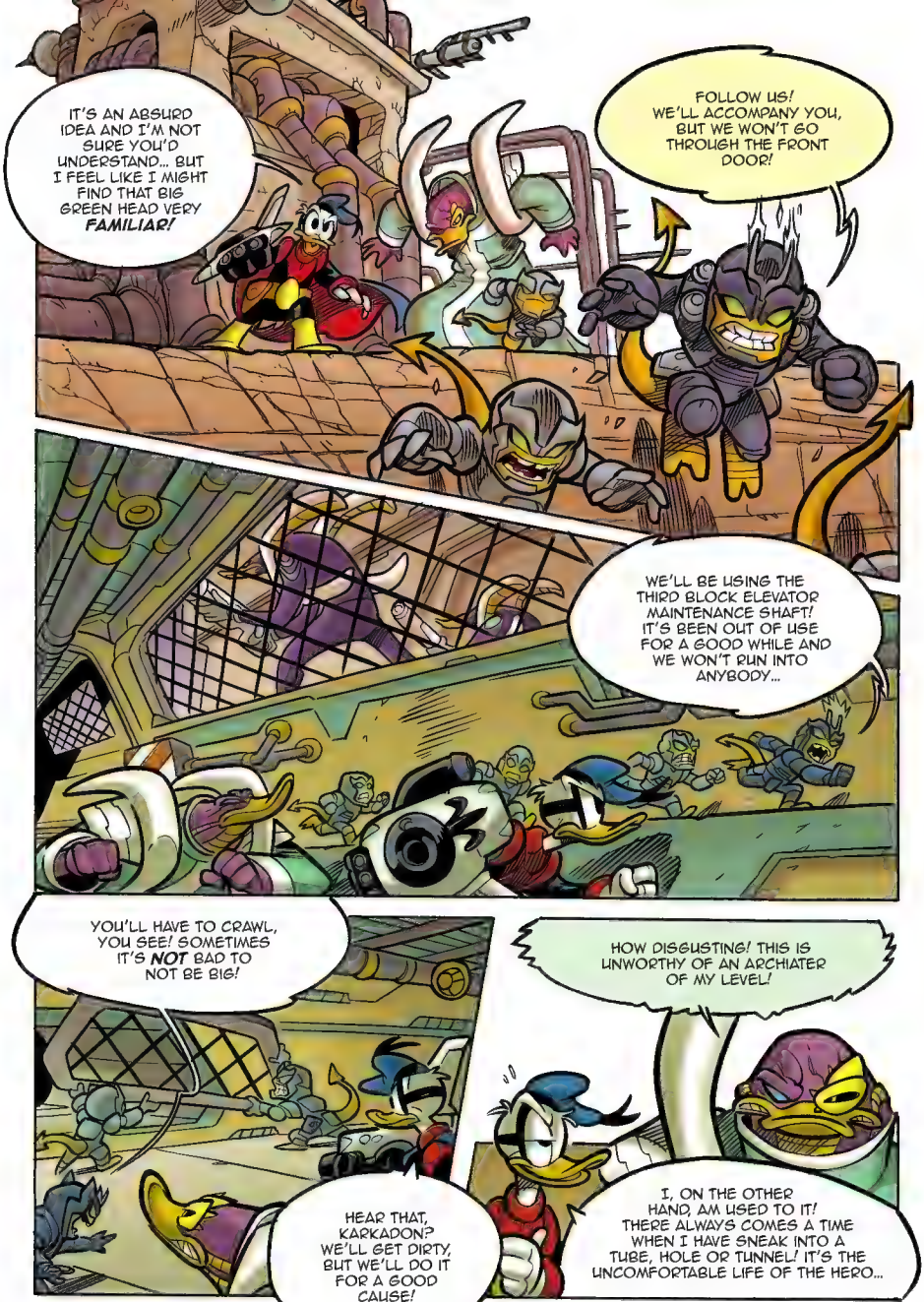
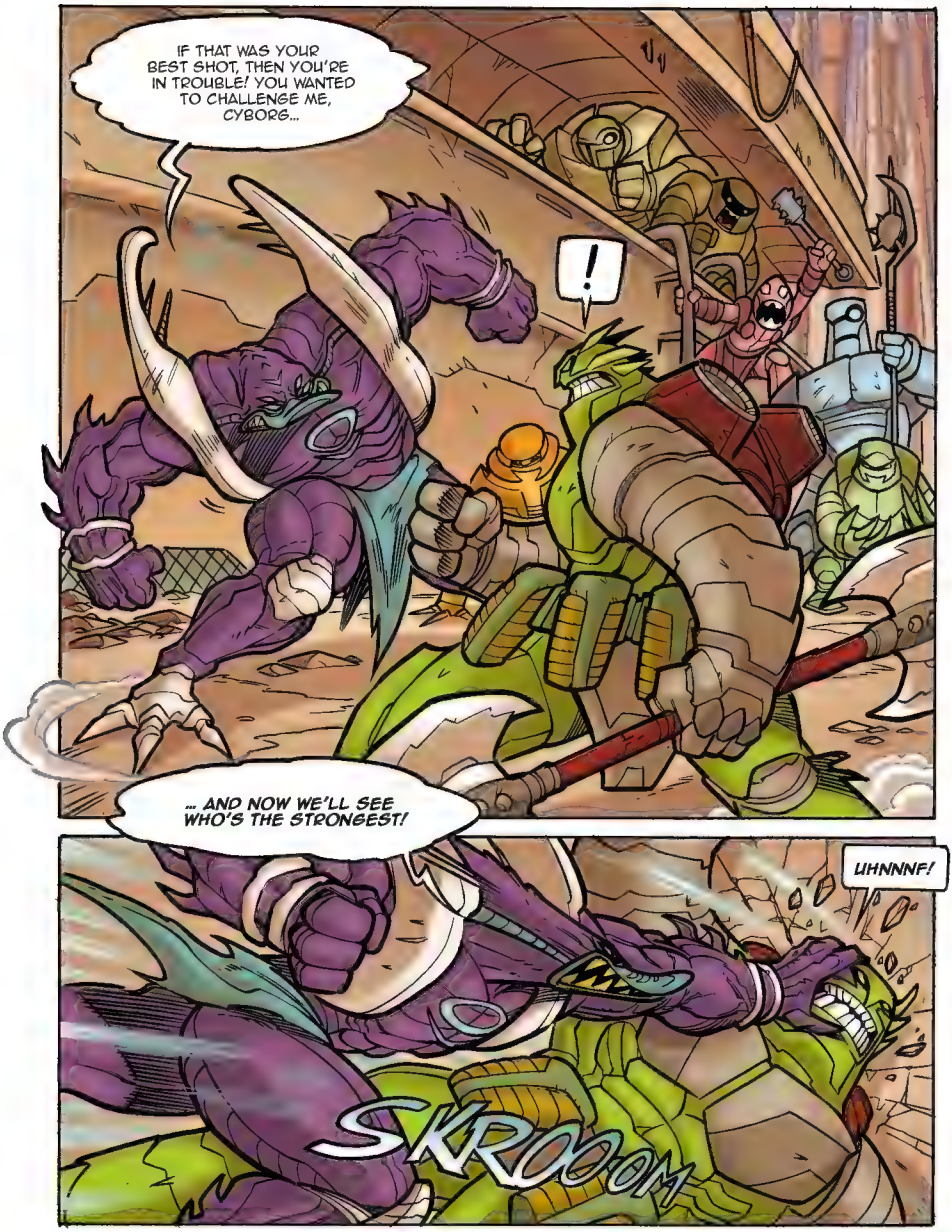
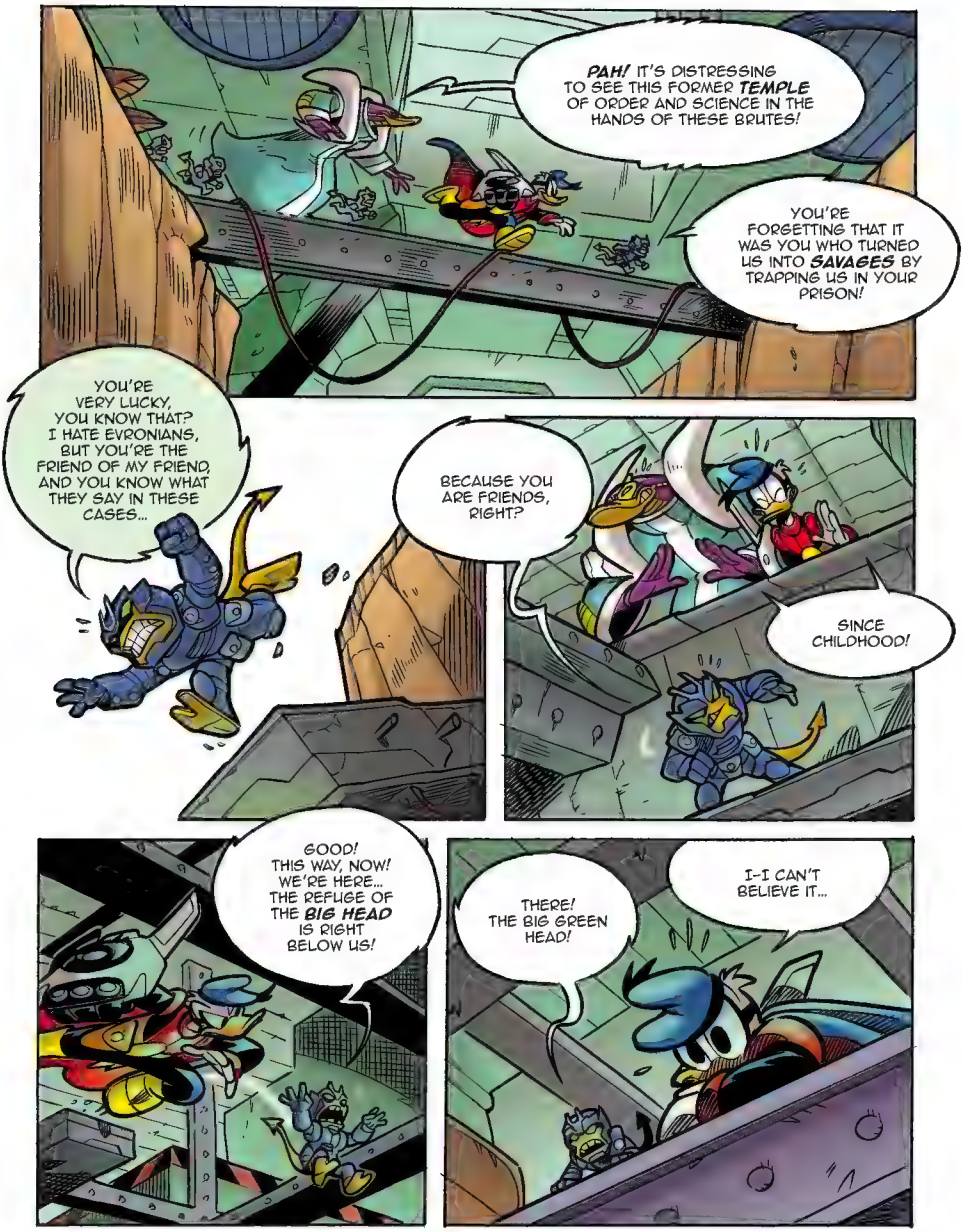

W-WHO?
THE BIG GREEN HEAD WHO NEVER KEEPS QUIET! BE ON YOUR GUARD!
GLOM... THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE... OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY SOMEONE!
I... I HAVE TO MEET THE BIG GREEN HEAD! DO YOU KNOW THE WAY?
IN RETROSPECT, WE ARE IN DEBT TO YOU, BUT NOT THAT MUCH! FAREWELL, GENTLEMEN! IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU!
I'LL GIVE YOU MY SPACESHIP! WE'LL SHARE IT TOGETHER AND ONCE WE'RE BACK HOME IT'S ALL YOURS! THAT'S A PROMISE!
OH! THIS MATTER SUDDENLY GOT INTERESTING!
WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU? THIS WASN'T THE PLAN!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF TRAUMA TOO, DON'T WORRY... BUT NOW THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT I WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT!


IT'S AN ABSURD IDEA AND I'M NOT SURE YOU'D UNDERSTAND... BUT I FEEL LIKE I MIGHT FIND THAT BIG GREEN HEAD VERY FAMILIAR!
FOLLOW US! WE'LL ACCOMPANY YOU, BUT WE WON'T GO THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR!
WE'LL BE USING THE THIRD BLOCK ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE SHAFT! IT'S BEEN OUT OF USE FOR A GOOD WHILE AND WE WON'T RUN INTO ANYBODY...
YOU'LL HAVE TO CRAWL, YOU SEE! SOMETIMES IT'S NOT BAD TO NOT BE BIG!
HOW DISGUSTING! THIS IS UNWORTHY OF AN ARCHIATER OF MY LEVEL!
HEAR THAT, KARKADON? WE'LL GET DIRTY, BUT WE'LL DO IT FOR A GOOD CAUSE!
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, AM USED TO IT! THERE ALWAYS COMES A TIME WHEN I HAVE SNEAK INTO A TUBE, HOLE OR TUNNEL! IT'S THE UNCOMFORTABLE LIFE OF THE HERO...

BE QUIET NOW... AND FOLLOW MY LEAD!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE! THE COURTYARD IS ON THE OTHER SIDE, BUT WE WON'T GO THAT WAY! WE'RE NOT HERE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE...
... AND THAT THERE'S A PERFECT NOOK FOR FINDING IT!
RRRRRAHR!
GLOM!
KRUMP

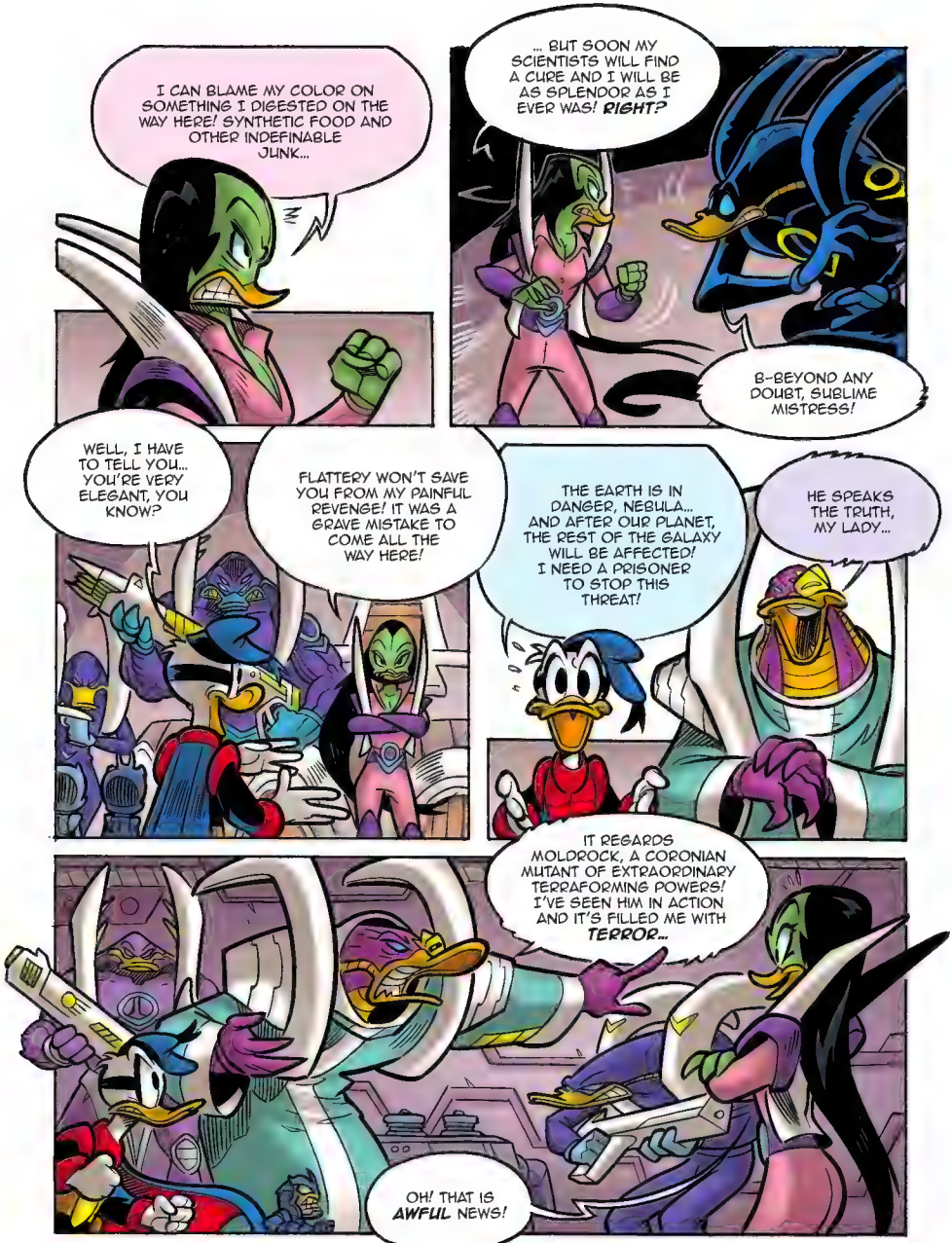

IF THAT WAS YOUR BEST SHOT, THEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE! YOU WANTED TO CHALLENGE ME, CYBORG...
!
... AND NOW WE'LL SEE WHO'S THE STRONGEST!
UHNNNF!
SKROOOM

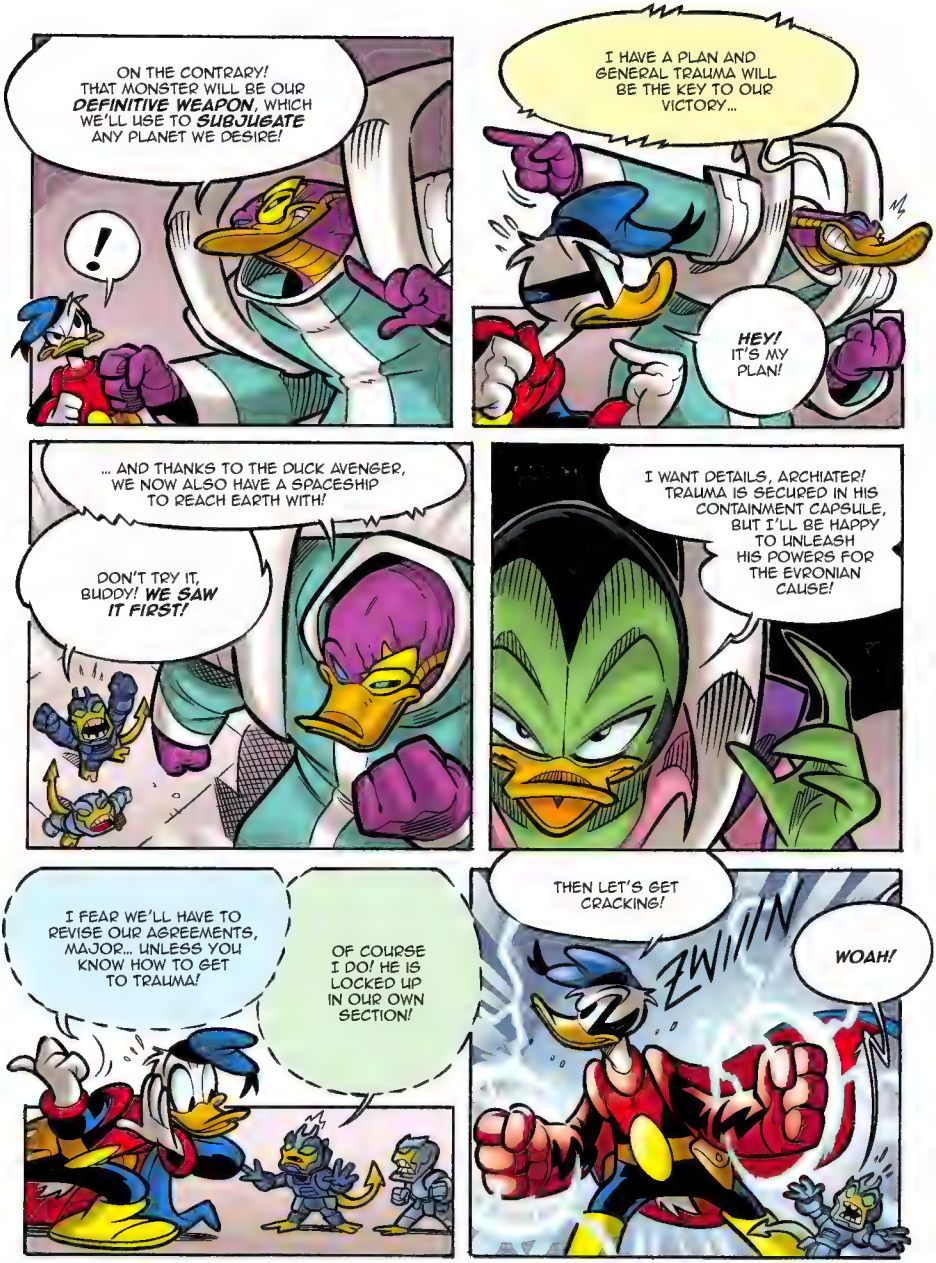

PAH! IT'S DISTRESSING TO SEE THIS FORMER TEMPLE OF ORDER AND SCIENCE IN THE HANDS OF THESE BRUTES!
YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT IT WAS YOU WHO TURNED US INTO SAVAGES BY TRAPPING US IN YOUR PRISON!
YOU'RE VERY LUCKY, YOU KNOW THAT? I HATE EVRONIANS, BUT YOU'RE THE FRIEND OF MY FRIEND, AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY IN THESE CASES...
BECAUSE YOU ARE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
SINCE CHILDHOOD!
GOOD! THIS WAY, NOW! WE'RE HERE... THE REFUGE OF THE BIG HEAD IS RIGHT BELOW US!
THERE! THE BIG GREEN HEAD!
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

"... IT'S NEBULA FARADAY!"
AWAY WITH YOU! I ASKED FOR VEGETABLES! I WON'T TOUCH THIS HEINOUSNESS!
BONK
OUCH! IT'S NOT PRETTY, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT, BUT THE COOK FROM BABOOINE ASSURES THAT ON HIS PLANET THEY'RE CONSIDERED AS VEGETABLES!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? IS IT NO GOOD? IS IT NOT GREEN ENOUGH FOR YOU?
OH, THAT'S THE RIGHT COLOR...
... BUT IT'S NOT THE HEAD I WAS HOPING TO FIND!

BRING ME SOMETHING EDIBLE AND COOLFLAMIZE THAT CHEF!
GROAN! ARE YOU SURE? HE'S THE LAST ONE...
THUD
GASP!
URK!
CLONG
GREAT EVRON! LOOK!
EEEK!
BUMP
DUCK AVENGER?
HOWDY, NEBULA! THE UNIVERSE IS SMALL!
IIIK!

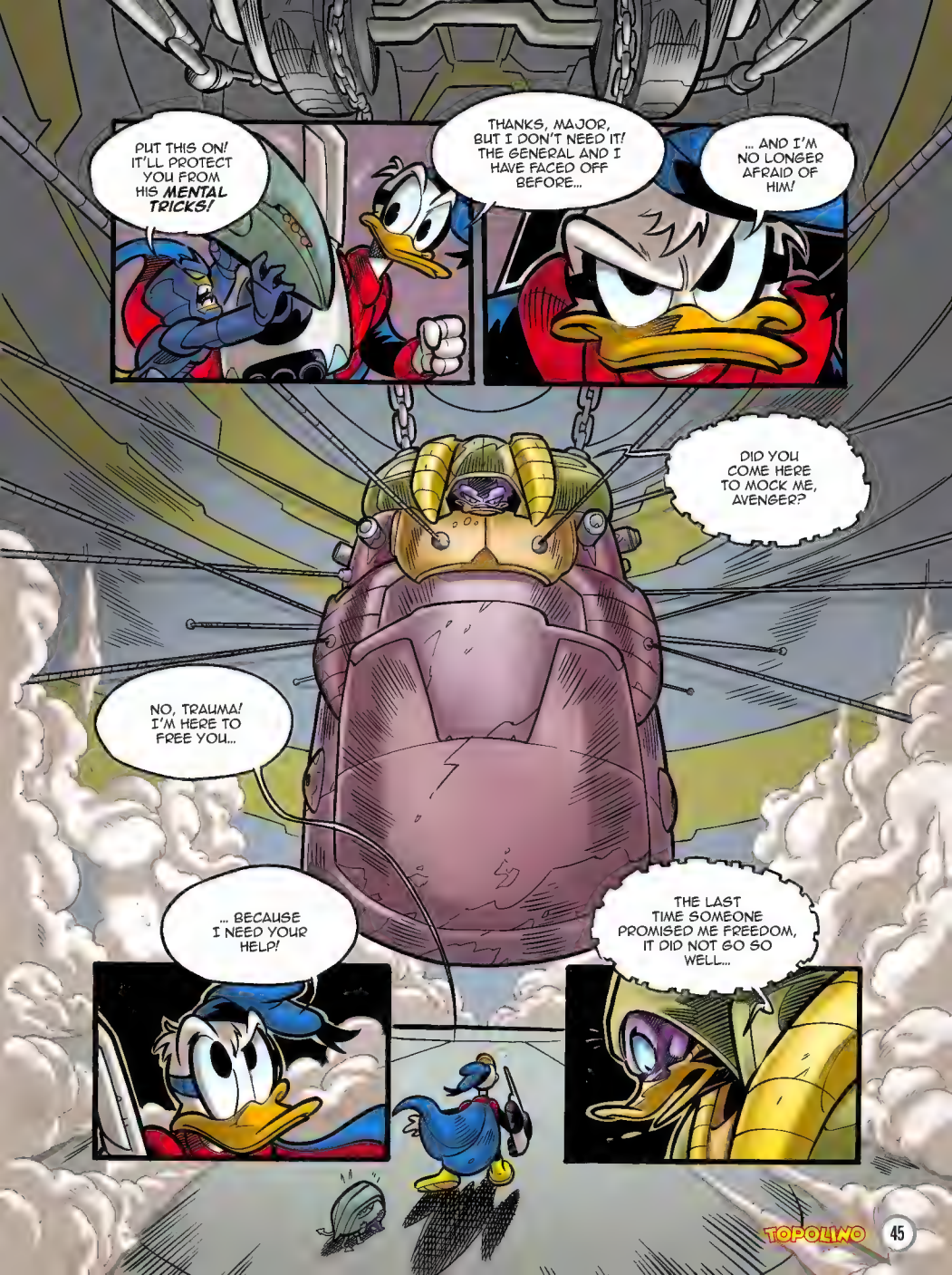
CONSIDER IT MY GIFT TO YOU, LADY FARADAY!
ARCHIATER KARKADON!
WE WERE SEPARATED IN THE BATTLE OF CAPE DOMINION, BUT WE'RE FINALLY REUNITED THANKS TO OUR OLD ENEMY! MIGHT AND POWER!
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
WELL, HE'S BEEN A DOUBLE-CROSSER EVER SINCE HE WAS A KID!
SURPRISED TO SEE ME AGAIN? THE INVASION HONEYCOMB I ESCAPED ON WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING AND NOW WE'RE SHIPWRECKED ON THIS ROCK...
... AND FROM HERE THE GLORY OF EVRON WILL BEGIN ANEW! GRODON HAS FALLEN, BUT SOON THE EMPIRE WILL HAVE A NEW LEADER... ME!
GET IN LINE, NEBULA, FOR THERE'S LOTS OF ASPIRING EMPERORS OUT THERE! AND YOUR COLOR'S NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL!


I CAN BLAME MY COLOR ON SOMETHING I DIGESTED ON THE WAY HERE! SYNTHETIC FOOD AND OTHER INDEFINABLE JUNK...
... BUT SOON MY SCIENTISTS WILL FIND A CURE AND I WILL BE AS SPLENDOR AS I EVER WAS! RIGHT?
B-BEYOND ANY DOUBT, SUBLIME MISTRESS!
WELL, I HAVE TO TELL YOU... YOU'RE VERY ELEGANT, YOU KNOW?
FLATTERY WON'T SAVE YOU FROM MY PAINFUL REVENGE! IT WAS A GRAVE MISTAKE TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE!
THE EARTH IS IN DANGER, NEBULA... AND AFTER OUR PLANET, THE REST OF THE GALAXY WILL BE AFFECTED! I NEED A PRISONER TO STOP THIS THREAT!
HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH, MY LADY...
IT REGARDS MOLDROCK, A CORONIAN MUTANT OF EXTRAORDINARY TERRAFORMING POWERS! I'VE SEEN HIM IN ACTION AND IT'S FILLED ME WITH TERROR...
OH! THAT IS AWFUL NEWS!

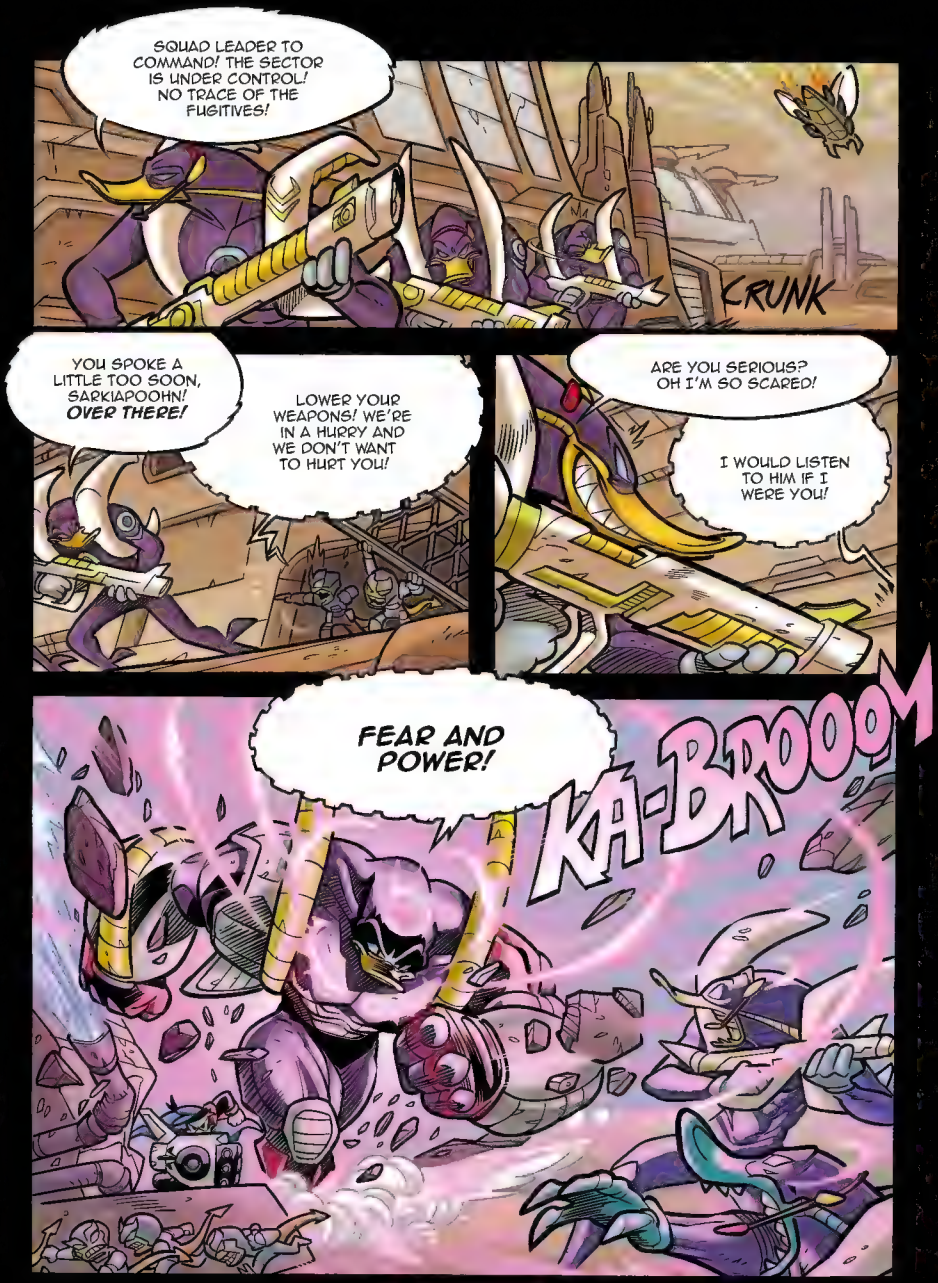

ON THE CONTRARY! THAT MONSTER WILL BE OUR DEFINITIVE WEAPON, WHICH WE'LL USE TO SUBJUGATE ANY PLANET WE DESIRE!
!
I HAVE A PLAN AND GENERAL TRAUMA WILL BE THE KEY TO OUR VICTORY...
HEY! IT'S MY PLAN!
... AND THANKS TO THE DUCK AVENGER, WE NOW ALSO HAVE A SPACESHIP TO REACH EARTH WITH!
DON'T TRY IT, BUDDY! WE SAW IT FIRST!
I WANT DETAILS, ARCHIATER! TRAUMA IS SECURED IN HIS CONTAINMENT CAPSULE, BUT I'LL BE HAPPY TO UNLEASH HIS POWERS FOR THE EVRONIAN CAUSE!
I FEAR WE'LL HAVE TO REVISE OUR AGREEMENTS, MAJOR... UNLESS YOU KNOW HOW TO GET TO TRAUMA!
OF COURSE I DO! HE IS LOCKED UP IN OUR OWN SECTION!
THEN LET'S GET CRACKING!
ZWIIIN
WOAH!

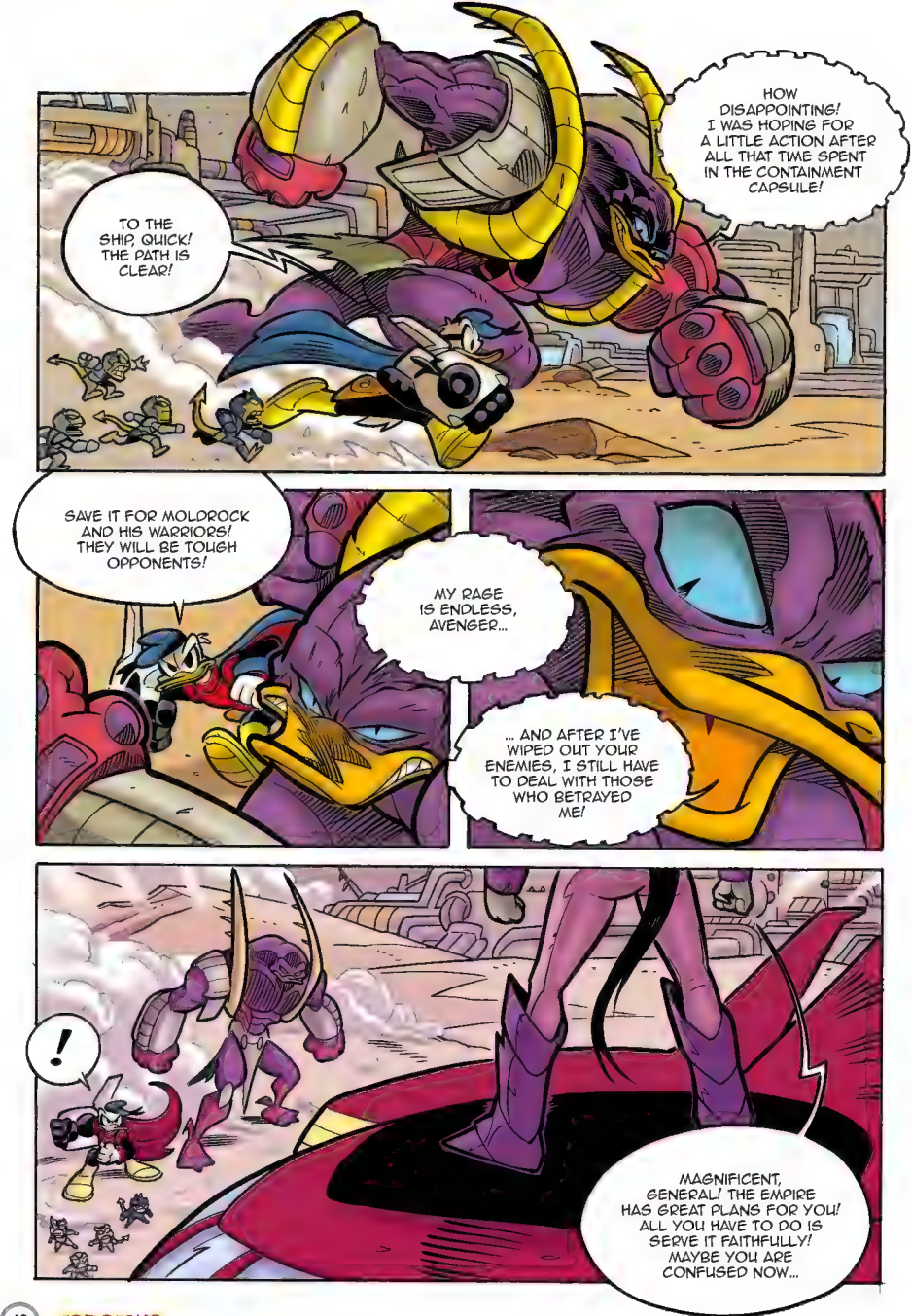
THAT'S A STRONG SUIT YOU GOT! YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN SMALLER SIZE?
SORRY, MAJOR... BUT THIS IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND!
ZZAX
ZZAX
STOP HIM! STOP HIIIM!
TIME TO START RUNNING! WATCH THE DOOR!
TO THE CELLS!
GO! I'LL COVER YOU!
BZZ CRACKLE
!
KA-CLUNK
URK!
IT'S SEALED OFF, LADY FARADAY!
DO SOMETHING, YOU IDIOTS! BREAK IT DOWN! THE AVENGER CAN'T ESCAPE!

THERE'S STILL SOMEONE DOWN HERE!
YEAH! NOT EVERYONE MANAGED TO ESCAPE...
CREEENK
... BUT THE ONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS STILL BEHIND THIS DOOR!
OH... THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED VISIT!

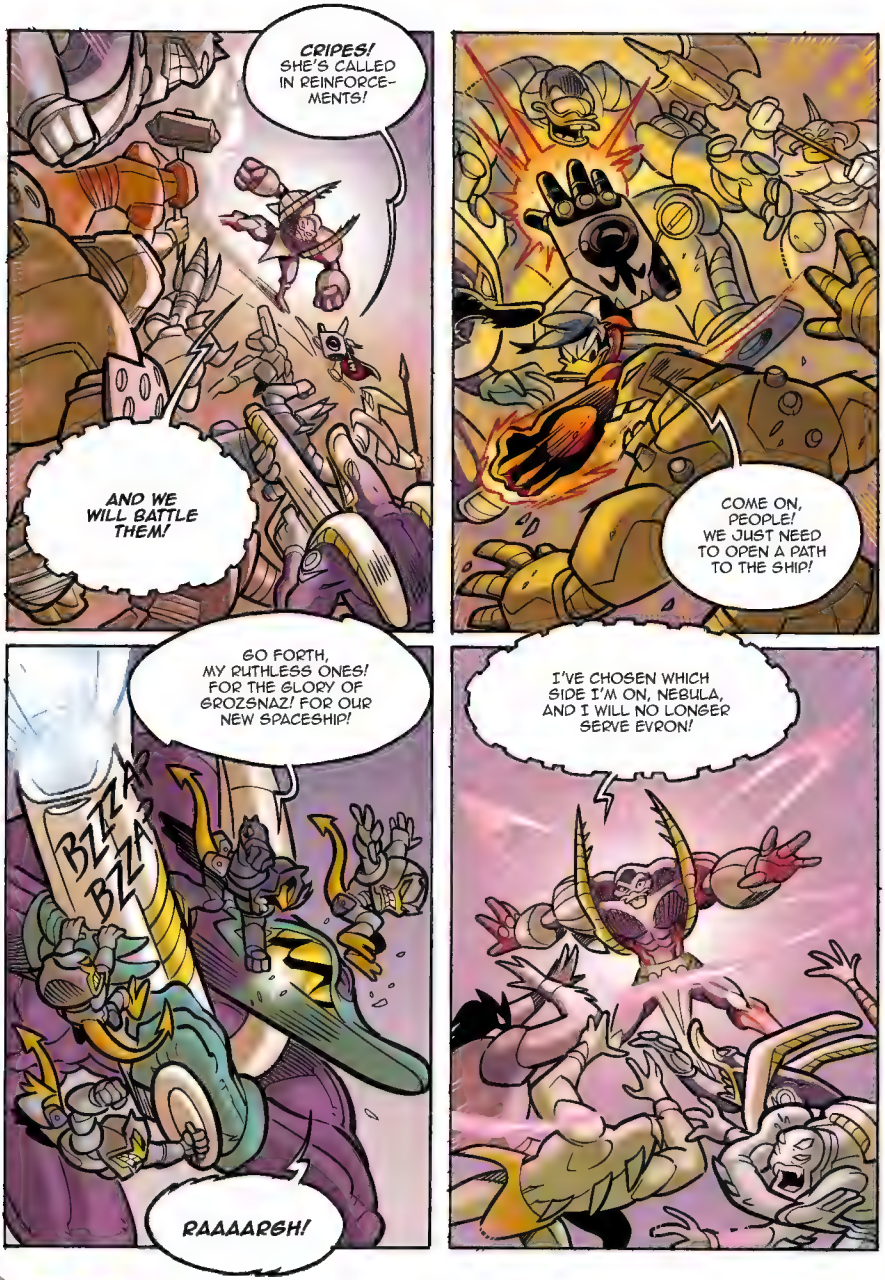

PUT THIS ON! IT'LL PROTECT YOU FROM HIS MENTAL TRICKS!
THANKS, MAJOR, BUT I DON'T NEED IT! THE GENERAL AND I HAVE FACED OFF BEFORE...
... AND I'M NO LONGER AFRAID OF HIM!
DID YOU COME HERE TO MOCK ME, AVENGER?
NO, TRAUMA! I'M HERE TO FREE YOU...
... BECAUSE I NEED YOUR HELP!
THE LAST TIME SOMEONE PROMISED ME FREEDOM, IT DID NOT GO SO WELL...

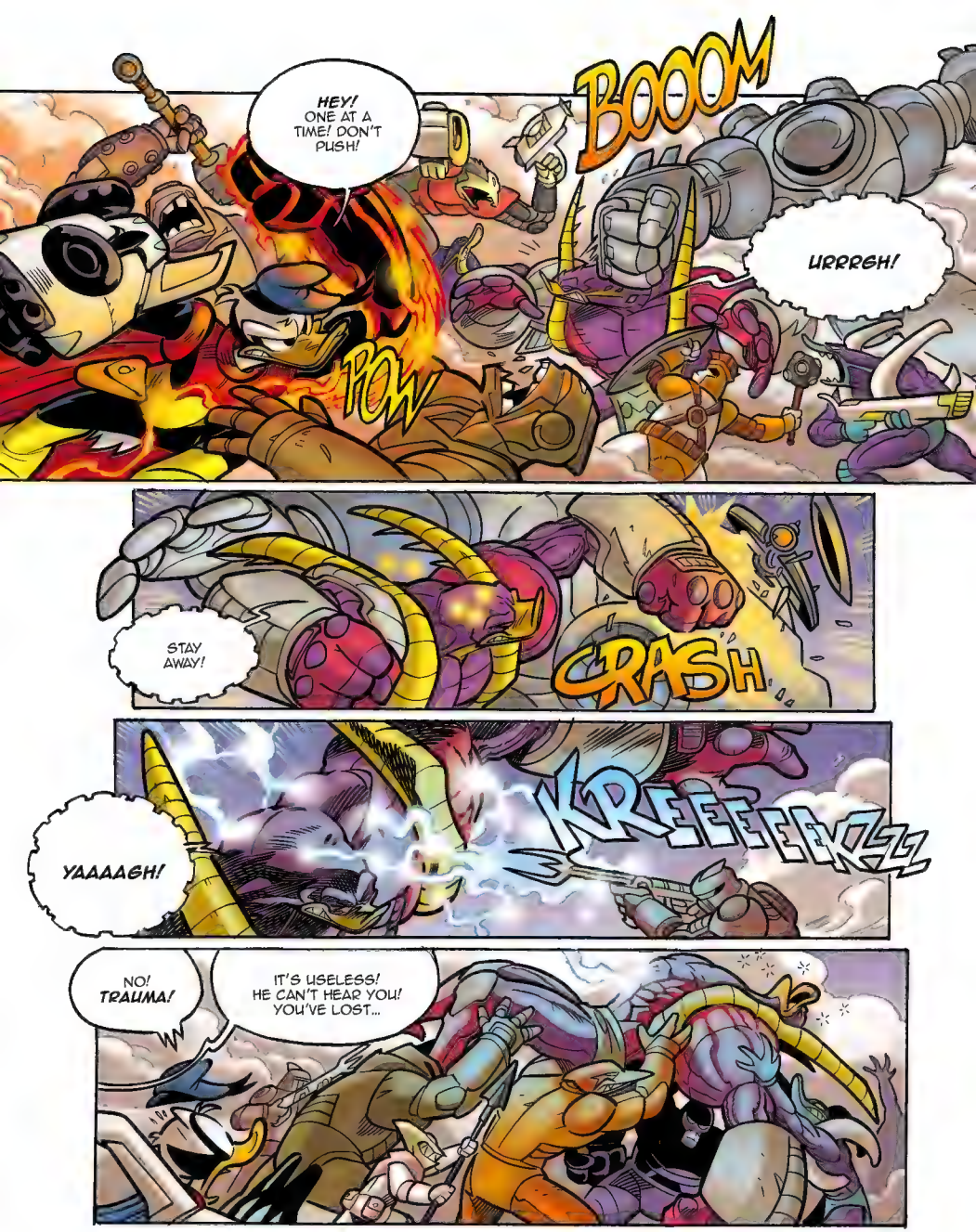
WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE YOUR WORDS?
BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUTH! OBSERVE...
THIS IS MOLDROCK! HE AND HIS WARRIORS ARE PREPARING TO DESTROY DUCKBURG! ONLY YOU AND YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS CAN DEFEAT HIM!
ARE YOU PROPOSING AN ALLIANCE? AREN'T THE TWO OF US SUPPOSED TO BE ENEMIES?
YEAH... BUT THINGS ARE NEVER AS SIMPLE AS THEY SHOULD BE!
IT'S A PACT! HONOR IT AND YOU'LL NEVER SEE THIS CELL AGAIN! YOU HAVE MY WORD!
YOU MUST REALLY BE IN TROUBLE, THEN...
I'M LISTENING, BUT I WARN YOU THAT YOU BETTER BE CONVINCING...


SQUAD LEADER TO COMMAND! THE SECTOR IS UNDER CONTROL! NO TRACE OF THE FUGITIVES!
KRUNK
YOU SPOKE A LITTLE TOO SOON, SARKIAPOOHN! OVER THERE!
LOWER YOUR WEAPONS! WE'RE IN A HURRY AND WE DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
ARE YOU SERIOUS? OH I'M SO SCARED!
I WOULD LISTEN TO HIM IF I WERE YOU!
FEAR AND POWER!
KA-BROOOM


TO THE SHIP, QUICK! THE PATH IS CLEAR!
HOW DISAPPOINTING! I WAS HOPING FOR A LITTLE ACTION AFTER ALL THAT TIME SPENT IN THE CONTAINMENT CAPSULE!
SAVE IT FOR MOLDROCK AND HIS WARRIORS! THEY WILL BE TOUGH OPPONENTS!
MY RAGE IS ENDLESS, AVENGER...
... AND AFTER I'VE WIPED OUT YOUR ENEMIES, I STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO BETRAYED ME!
!
MAGNIFICENT, GENERAL! THE EMPIRE HAS GREAT PLANS FOR YOU! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SERVE IT FAITHFULLY! MAYBE YOU ARE CONFUSED NOW...

... BUT I'M HERE TO REMIND YOU OF WHICH SIDE YOU SHOULD FIGHT FOR!
EVRONIANS! PEOPLE OF THE WELL! BRING ME TRAUMA... AND ELIMINATE THAT MASKED DUCK ONCE AND FOR ALL!


CRIPES! SHE'S CALLED IN REINFORCE-MENTS!
AND WE WILL BATTLE THEM!
COME ON, PEOPLE! WE JUST NEED TO OPEN A PATH TO THE SHIP!
GO FORTH, MY RUTHLESS ONES! FOR THE GLORY OF GROZSNAZ! FOR OUR NEW SPACESHIP!
BZZZ BZZ
RAAAARGH!
I'VE CHOSEN WHICH SIDE I'M ON, NEBULA, AND I WILL NO LONGER SERVE EVRON!


HEY! ONE AT A TIME! DON'T PUSH!
BOOOM
URRRGH!
POW
STAY AWAY!
CRASH
YAAAAGH!
KREEEEKZZ
NO! TRAUMA!
IT'S USELESS! HE CAN'T HEAR YOU! YOU'VE LOST...

YOUR MISSION HAS FAILED, AND THUS YOU HAVE CONDEMNED YOUR CITY! I WANT THAT TO BE YOUR LAST THOUGHT...
GOODBYE, DUCK AVENGER!
THIS STORY CONCLUDES IN THE FOURTH PART OF "MARK OF MOLDROCK"!
END OF PART THREE

ALONE AGAINST A LEGION OF ALIEN CREATURES ON AN EVRONIAN PLANETOID THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY FROM HOME!
IT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DAYS WITH A PLANET TO SAVE, A UNIVERSE IN DANGER AND TOO MANY OBSTACLES TO GET THROUGH ALONG THE WAY! BUT THE DUCK AVENGER KNOWS...
... THAT THE LIFE OF A SUPERHERO IS AN ETERNAL MONDAY!
BZAARK
WHAAM
FIGHT OR SUCCUMB, DUCK! YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO RETREAT!
... BUT LUCKILY I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON MY X-TRANSFORMER SHIELD'S DENSOMORPHIC COMMAND!
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YOU'RE KIND TO LET ME KNOW...
GREAT EVRON!

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I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!
I'M SORRY, GENERAL TRAUMA...
BREAK DOWN THE DOOR! DRAG HIM OUT OF THERE!
BROOOOOMMMMMM
FORGIVE ME, GROZSNAZ PREDATORS...
BROOOOOMMMMMM
BROOOOOMMMMMM
... I WILL BE BACK!
BROOOOOMMMMMM

NOOOOO!
FWOOOOOOM
IL MARCHIO DI
WALT DISNEY
MOLDROCK
PART FOUR

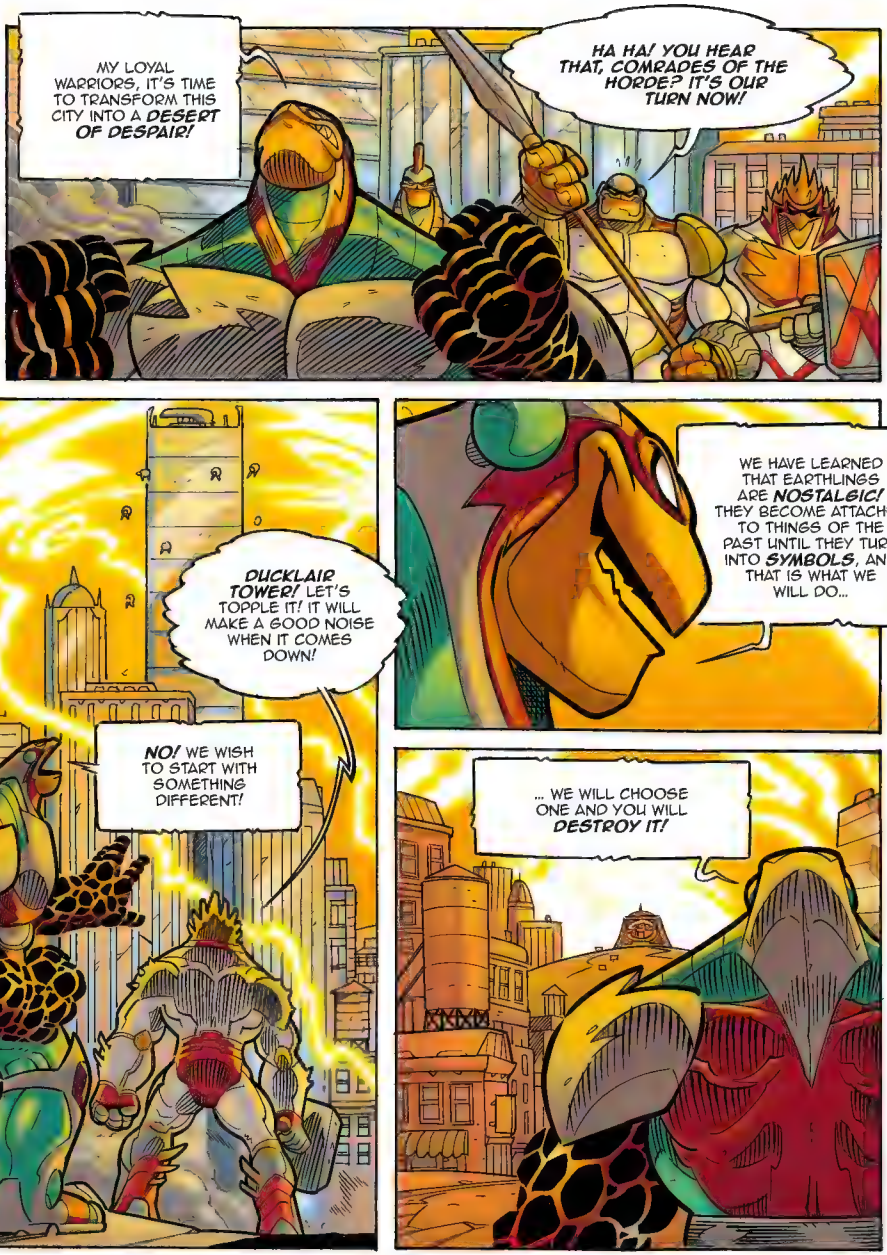
WHOOOOOOMP

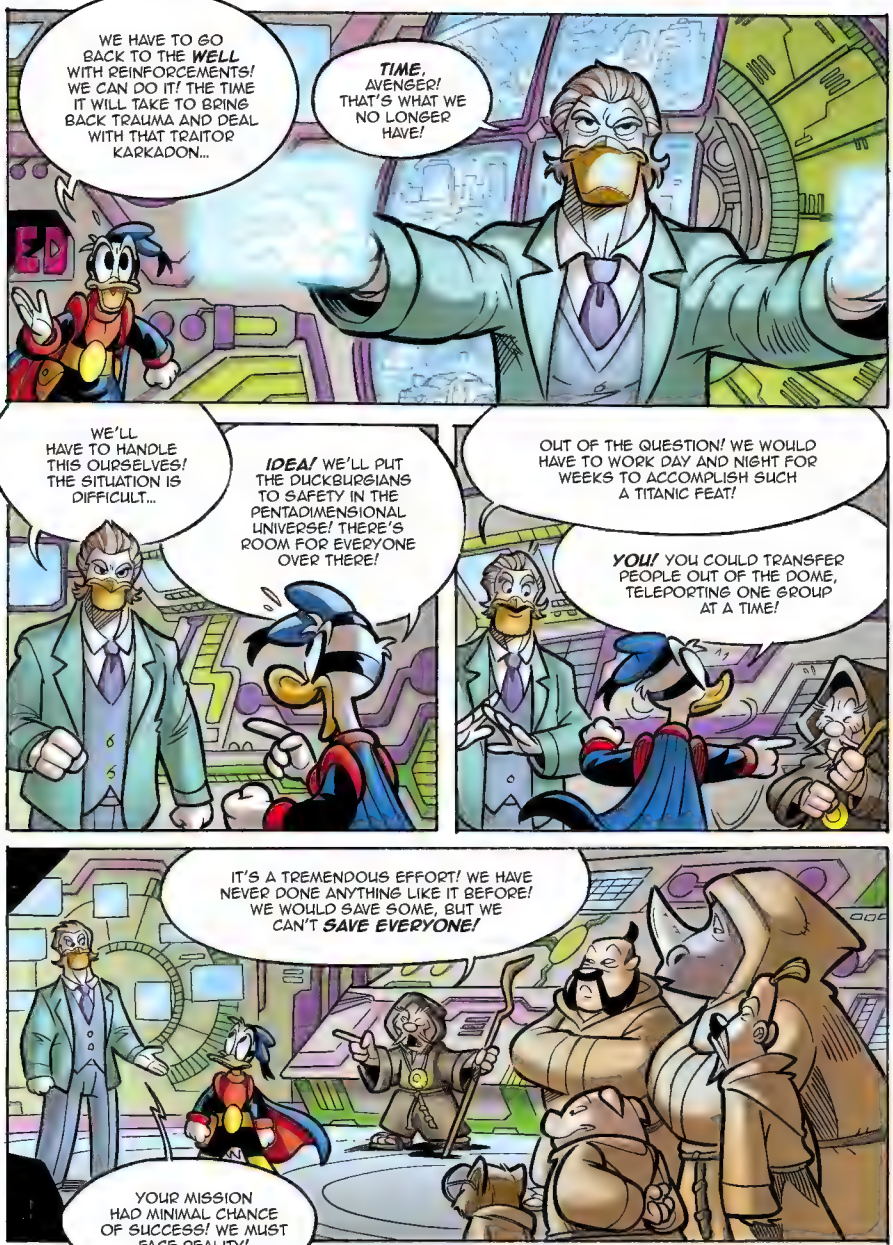
SHOOOOOOOM
NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING! IS THE AREA SECURE?
BY A TEN-KILOMETER RADIUS AROUND THE BARRIER, SIR!
THAT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE AN EVRONIAN SHIP! IT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE, SLIPPING UNDER OUR RADAR!
I NOTICED THAT, DAMMIT! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING... AND I HATE NOT BEING WHERE THE ACTION IS!
SHOULD WE PREPARE TO MAKE OUR ENTRANCE, GENERAL?
THAT DOME IS *IMPENETRABLE!* IF YOU'RE IN A HURRY TO GET *SCORCHED* BY THAT ENERGY BARRIER, GO RIGHT AHEAD...

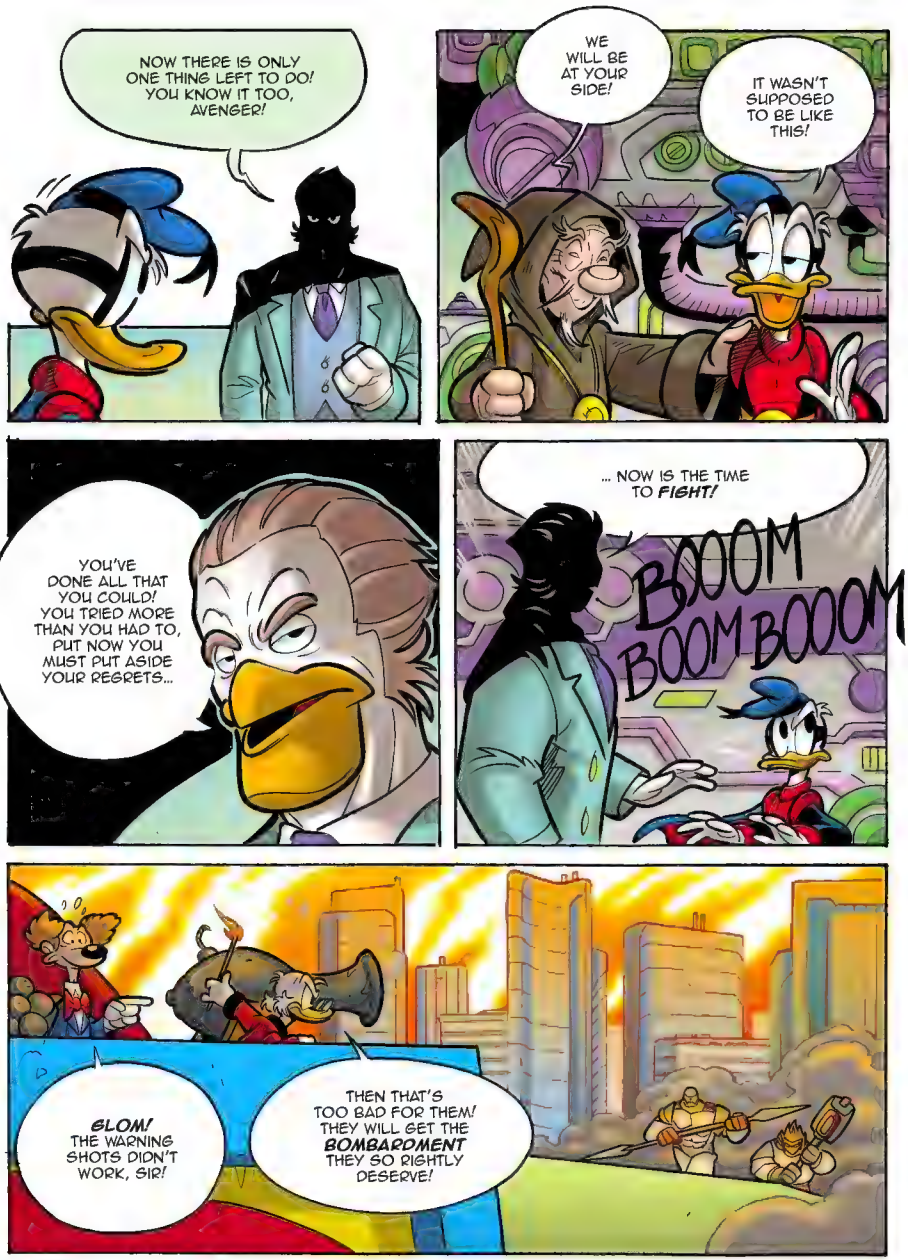
... BUT KNOW THAT YOU WON'T HAVE SUPPORT! WE NEED NOT **HEROES**, BUT PROFESSIONALS READY TO DO THEIR DUTY!
SKRRRRAK
!
AND IT'S OUR DUTY TO **SAVE** ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE THERE! **IS THAT CLEAR?**
YES SIR, GENERAL WESTCOCK!
IF ONLY I KNEW WHAT TO DO!
NOBODY HAS YET RESPONDED TO HECKS' APPEAL! I WAS WRONG TO REFUSE TO HELP THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION!
SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, THE AVENGER IS FIGHTING THIS BATTLE BY HIMSELF... AND I DID LIE...

"... THERE'S ALWAYS NEED FOR HEROES!"
I FAILED, SOLOMON...

WOOOOOSH!
WELL, EGOR?
WOOOOOSH
THE STREETS ARE DESERTED, MOLDROCK... AND SOLDIERS ARE WAITING OUTSIDE THE BARRIER!
WE HAVE WAITED FOR DAYS...
... AND WE ARE TIRED OF WAITING! NO ONE HAS ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS! WE CAN BE FEARED... BUT WE CAN'T BE IGNORED!


MY LOYAL WARRIORS, IT'S TIME TO TRANSFORM THIS CITY INTO A DESERT OF DESPAIR!
HA HA! YOU HEAR THAT, COMRADES OF THE HORDE? IT'S OUR TURN NOW!
DUCKLAIR TOWER! LET'S TOPPLE IT! IT WILL MAKE A GOOD NOISE WHEN IT COMES DOWN!
NO! WE WISH TO START WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT!
WE HAVE LEARNED THAT EARTHLINGS ARE NOSTALGIC! THEY BECOME ATTACHED TO THINGS OF THE PAST UNTIL THEY TURN INTO SYMBOLS, AND THAT IS WHAT WE WILL DO...
... WE WILL CHOOSE ONE AND YOU WILL DESTROY IT!


WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE WELL WITH REINFORCEMENTS! WE CAN DO IT! THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO BRING BACK TRAUMA AND DEAL WITH THAT TRAITOR KARKADON...
TIME, AVENGER! THAT'S WHAT WE NO LONGER HAVE!
WE'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS OURSELVES! THE SITUATION IS DIFFICULT...
IDEA! WE'LL PUT THE DUCKBURGIANS TO SAFETY IN THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE! THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYONE OVER THERE!
OUT OF THE QUESTION! WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK DAY AND NIGHT FOR WEEKS TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A TITANIC FEAT!
YOU! YOU COULD TRANSFER PEOPLE OUT OF THE DOME, TELEPORTING ONE GROUP AT A TIME!
IT'S A TREMENDOUS EFFORT! WE HAVE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE! WE WOULD SAVE SOME, BUT WE CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE!
YOUR MISSION HAD MINIMAL CHANCE OF SUCCESS! WE MUST FACE REALITY!


NOW THERE IS ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO! YOU KNOW IT TOO, AVENGER!
WE WILL BE AT YOUR SIDE!
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS!
YOU'VE DONE ALL THAT YOU COULD! YOU TRIED MORE THAN YOU HAD TO, PUT NOW YOU MUST PUT ASIDE YOUR REGRETS...
... NOW IS THE TIME TO *FIGHT!*
BOOOM BOOM BOOOM
GLOM! THE WARNING SHOTS DIDN'T WORK, SIR!
THEN THAT'S TOO BAD FOR THEM! THEY WILL GET THE *BOMBARDMENT* THEY SO RIGHTLY DESERVE!

WHETHER IT BE ALIENS, CRIMINALS, WITCHES OR TAX VAMPIRES...
BOOOM
... NO ONE INVADES MY HILL!
SZANK
THIS IS TOO EASY, OLD MAN...
S-SIR, MAYBE IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT TO RETREAT!
GIVE ME SOME ROOM, RAGNAR! THE FIRST STRIKE SHOULD BE MINE!
I'M NOT EVEN CONSIDERING IT, ALBERT, BUT I WON'T FORCE YOU TO STAY BY MY SIDE! TAKE A DAY OFF WITHOUT PAY AND SAVE YOURSELF!

YOU WON'T HAVE IT, BIG BOY! MAYBE YOU'LL BE MORE *LUCKY* WITH THE SECOND!
WHOO
UNGH!
SLIN
YOU! YOU PICKED THE WRONG TIME TO LEAVE YOUR DEN...
YOU WILL BE MY TROPHY! MY GIFT TO MOLDROCK!
ZASH
GOOD IDEA, I LIKE ORIGINAL PRESENTS! USUALLY WE JUST STICK WITH TIES...
WZZZOOORK
GGGHN...
... WHO WOULDN'T WANT A DUCK THAT CAN SHOOT *HARMFUL RAYS* OUT OF HIS HANDS?

RRRAHR!
!
THOOOOM
HAH! YOU'RE MINE! HIT HIM, GORAZ!
WITH THAT HAMMER? IS IT SANITARY? YOU JUST CAME TO EARTH!
NYEEEEEEEAH!
I'LL COMPLAIN TO MOLDROCK AND YOU'LL HAVE A ROUGH TIME, I GUARANTEE YOU!
FWOOOOM
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, DUCK!
OUFF! I'M TOLD THAT QUITE OFTEN, SO IT HAS TO BE TRUE!
KRUMP
BOOOM
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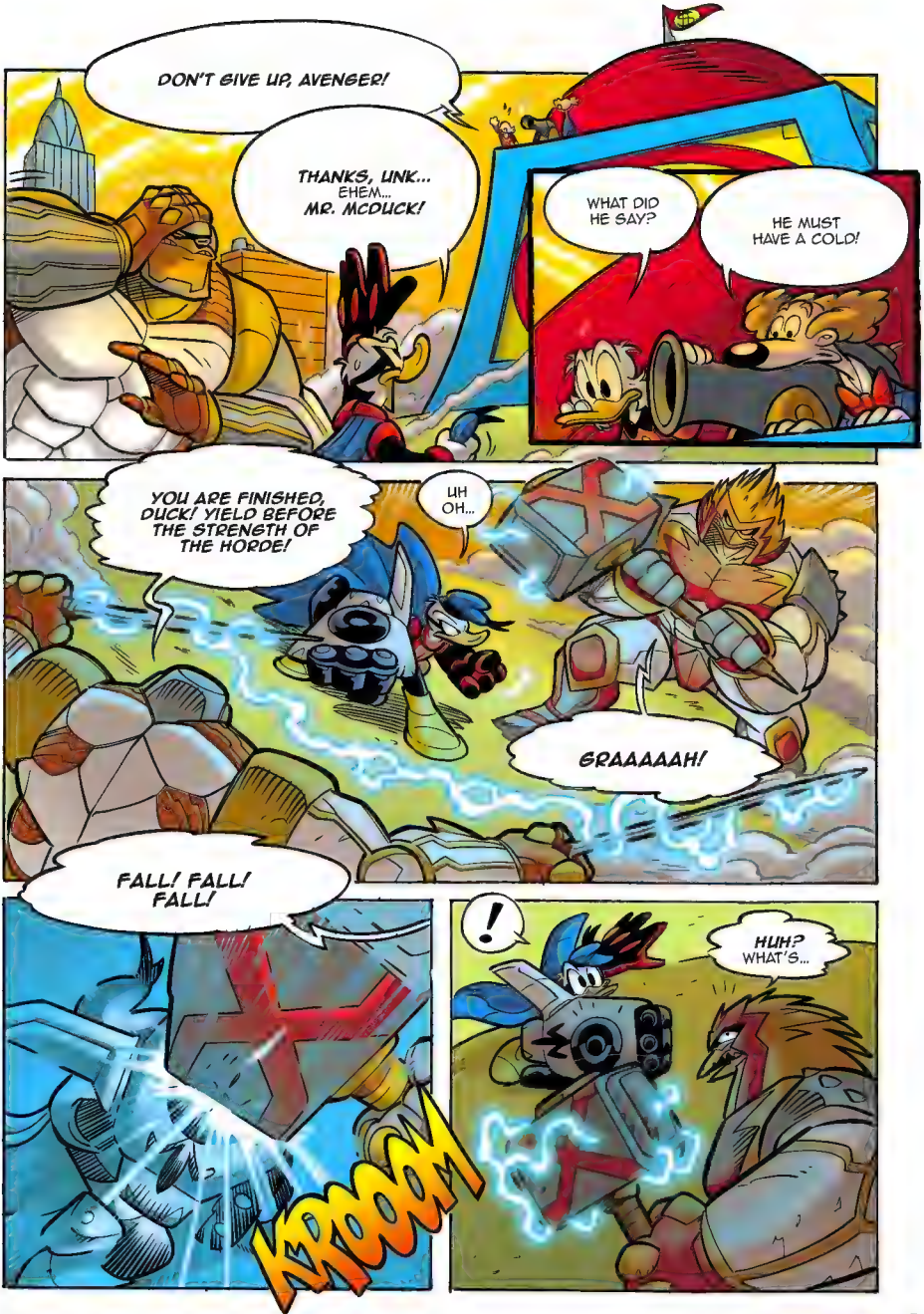
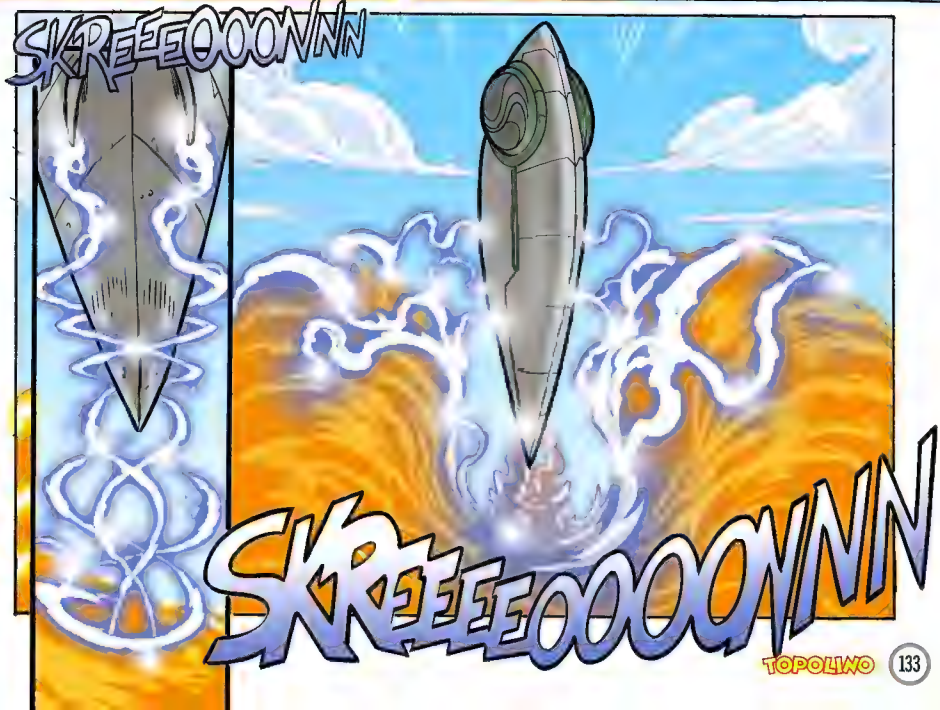
URGH!


DON'T GIVE UP, AVENGER!
THANKS, UNK... EHEM... MR. MCDUCK!
WHAT DID HE SAY?
HE MUST HAVE A COLD!
YOU ARE FINISHED, DUCK! YIELD BEFORE THE STRENGTH OF THE HORDE!
UH OH...
GRAAAAAH!
FALL! FALL! FALL!
KROOOM
!
HUH? WHAT'S...

SOMETHING'S OUT THERE...

HOLY HECK! THIS IS GETTING COMPLICATED!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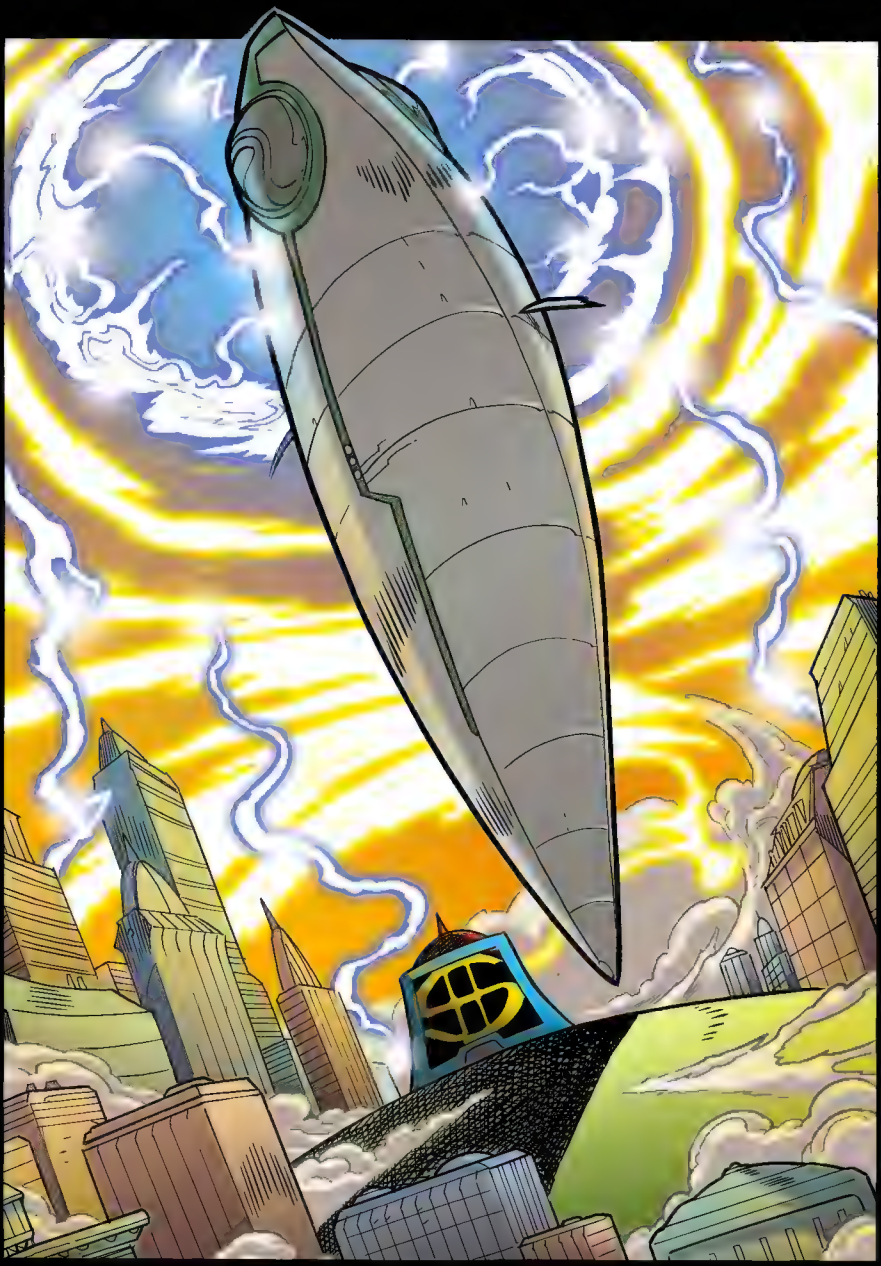

SHEOOOOOOSSSSS
CLANG
ALRIGHT, PEOPLE! STEP AWAY FROM HIM AND NOBODY GETS HURT! THAT DUCK IS OURS!
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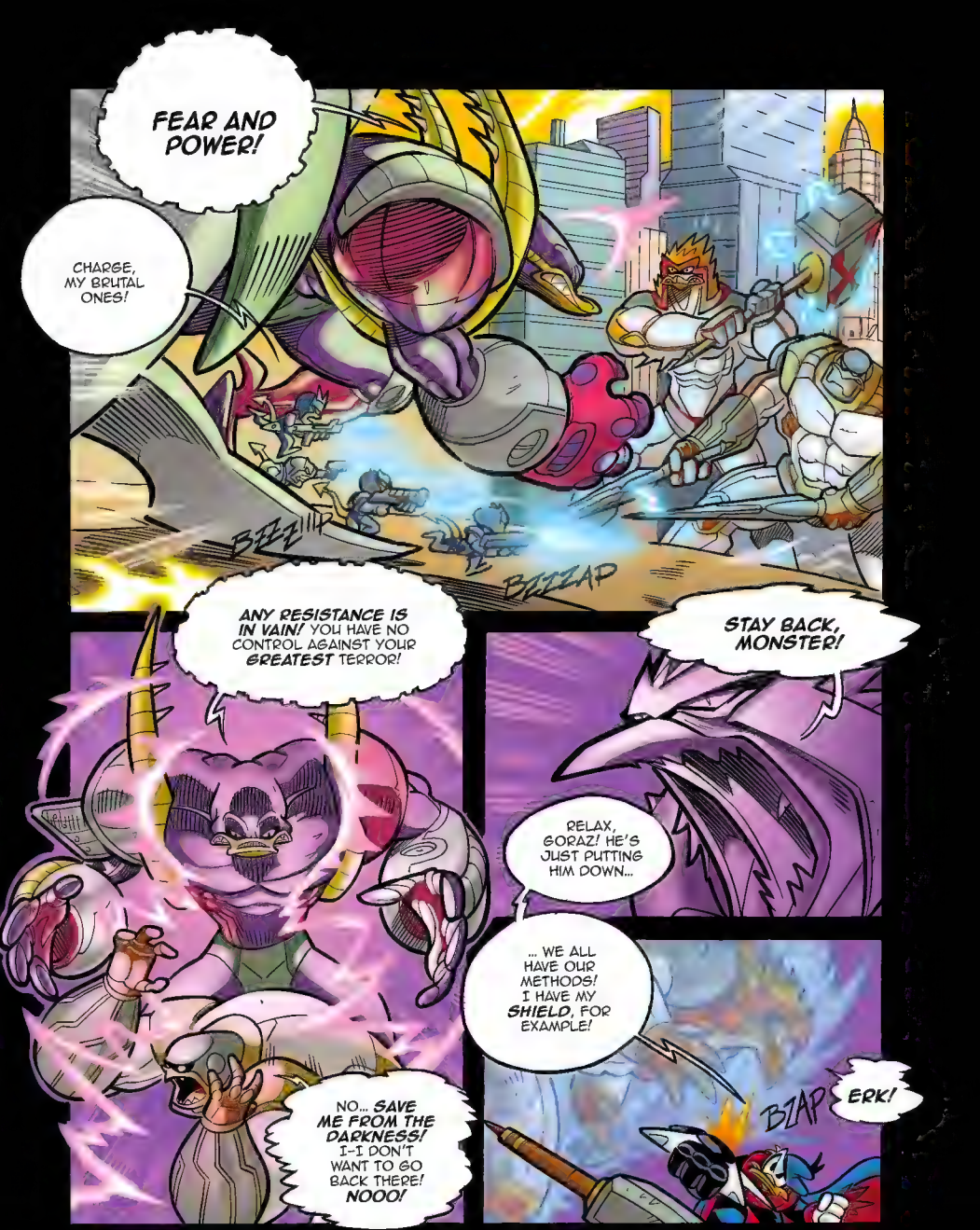
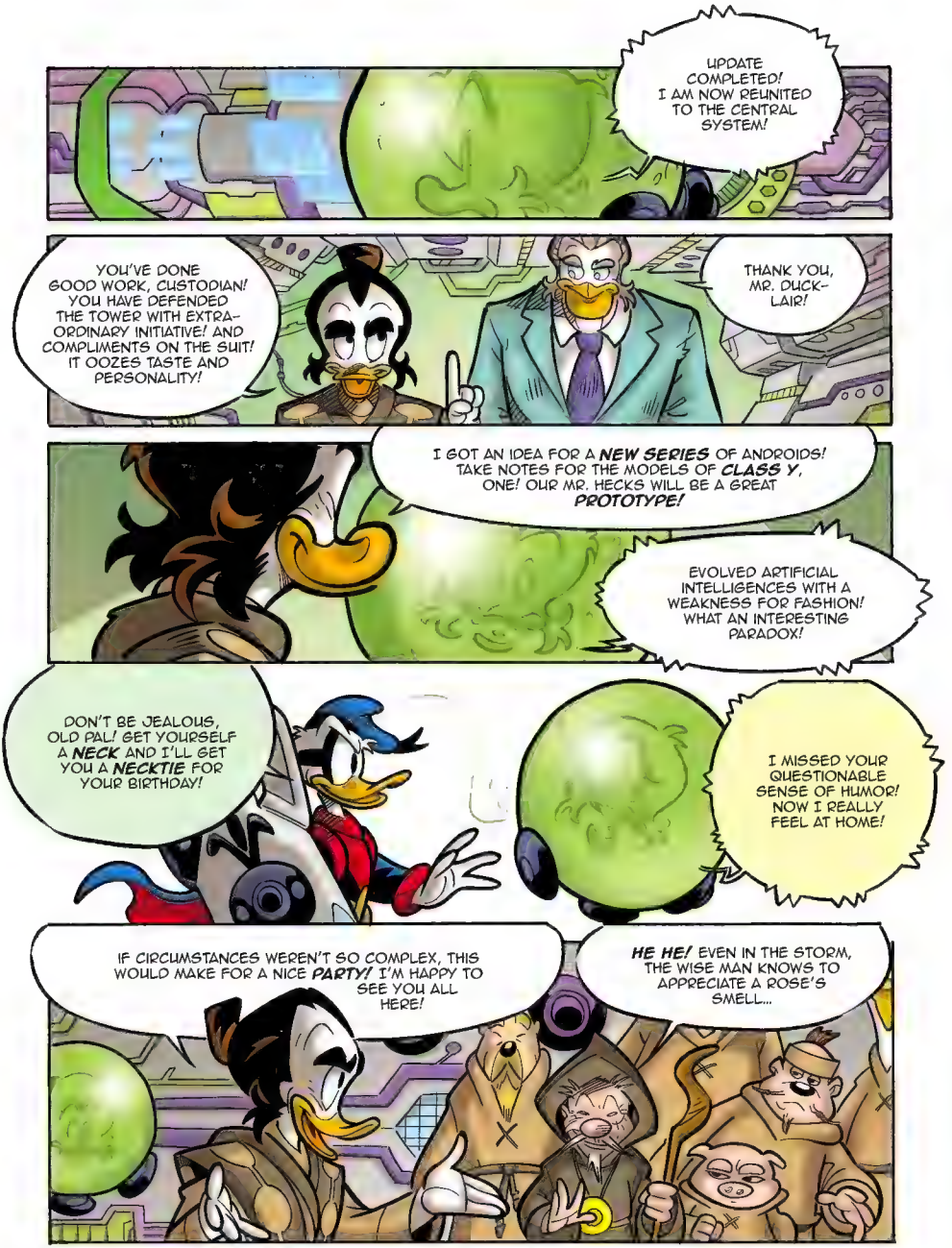
?
!
THE MAJOR AND THE GROZSNAZ PREDATORS!
HAS THE CAVALRY ARRIVED, DUCK AVENGER? HAW HAW HAW! SHOULD I BE SCARED?
YES, YOU SHOULD!

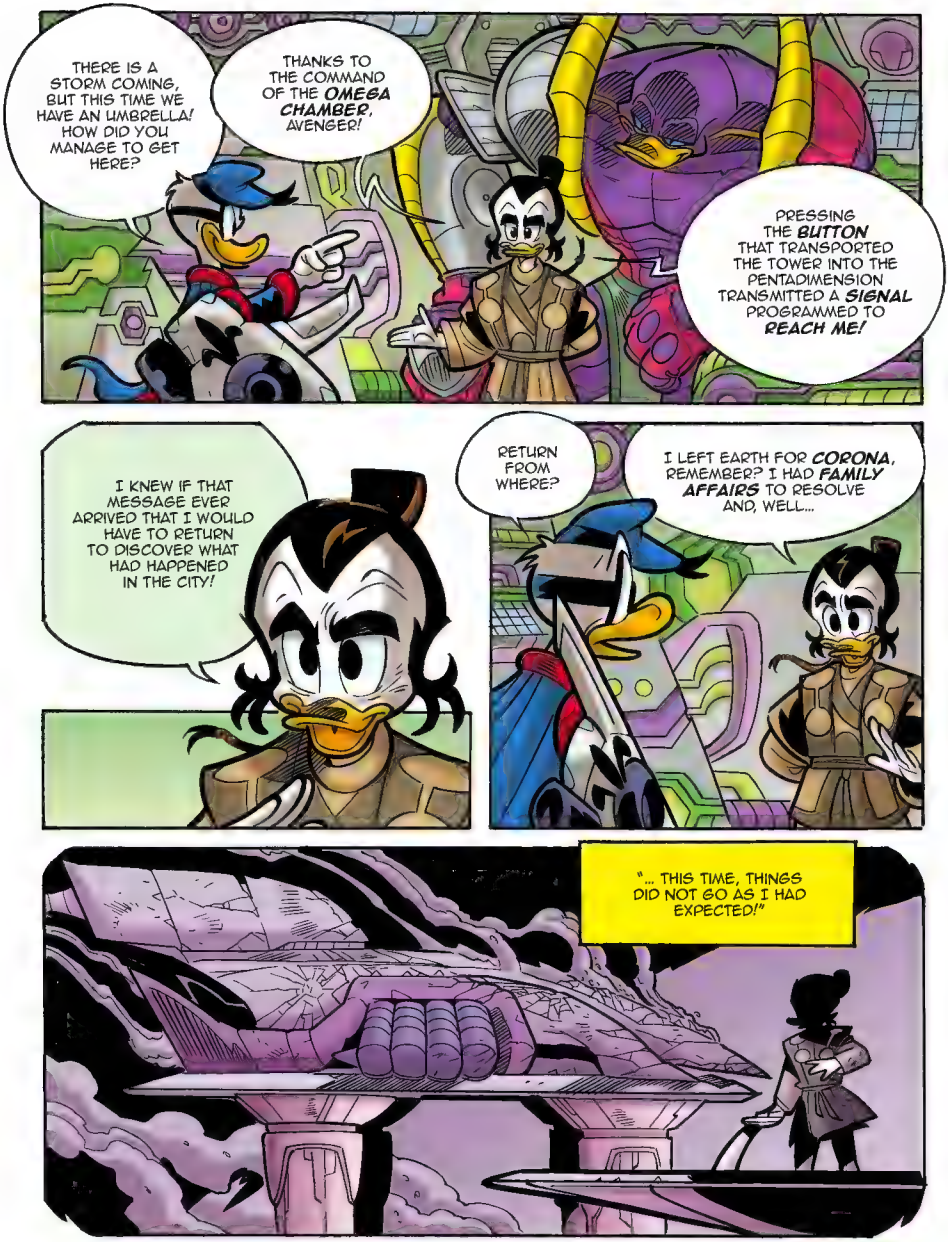

FEAR AND POWER!
CHARGE, MY BRUTAL ONES!
BZZZ!!!
BLIZAP
ANY RESISTANCE IS IN VAIN! YOU HAVE NO CONTROL AGAINST YOUR GREATEST TERROR!
NO... SAVE ME FROM THE DARKNESS! I-I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK THERE! NOOO!
STAY BACK, MONSTER!
RELAX, GORAZ! HE'S JUST PUTTING HIM DOWN...
... WE ALL HAVE OUR METHODS! I HAVE MY SHIELD, FOR EXAMPLE!
BZAP
ERK!

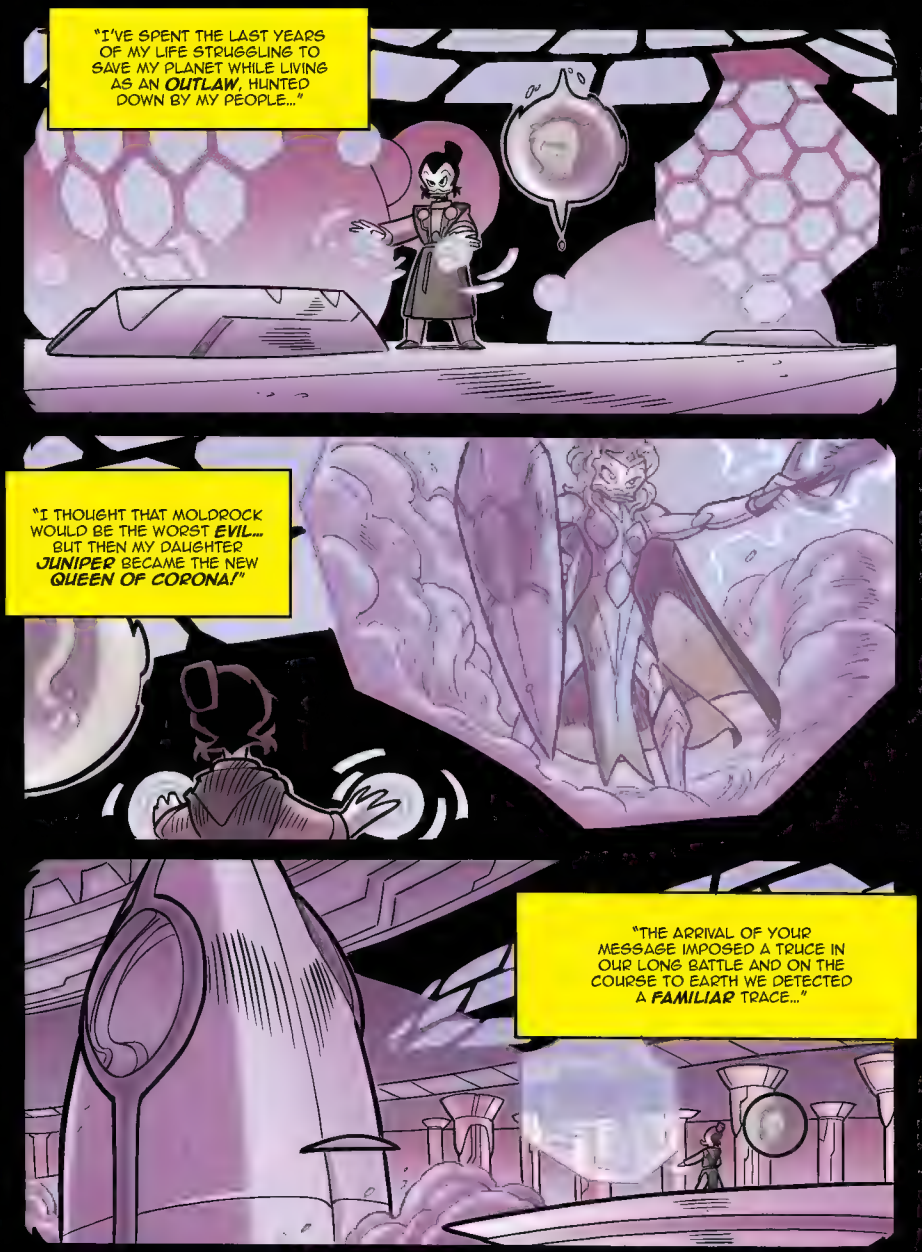
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! YOU... YOU CAME!
WE HAD A COMMITMENT, AVENGER...
AND YOU HAD ONE WITH US! THE SPACE-SHIP!
I... WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT IT WAS PAINFUL FOR ME TO ABANDON YOU IN THE WELL! BUT I WOULD COME BACK TO SAVE YOU!
YES, YES, FINE! WHERE'S THE SPACESHIP?
MY SPACESHIP? TELL ME ABOUT YOURS, RATHER! WHERE DID THIS WONDER COME FROM? AND HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO PASS THE BARRIER AROUND THE CITY?
I'D LIKE TO ANSWER, BUT I'M SURE THAT SOMEONE ELSE COULD EXPLAIN IT BETTER!
WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT... THIS IS YOUR WORK!
!
YOUR MESSAGE WENT THROUGH SPACE, WE RECEIVED IT AND THEN WE WENT ON A JOURNEY...

... AND NOW WE ARE HERE, MY FRIEND!
ONE! EVERETT!
IT REALLY IS YOU! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!
TOO LONG, DUCK AVENGER! FAR TOO LONG!
VIRRR

I THOUGHT YOU HAD BEEN DEACTIVATED FOREVER!
YOU KNOW MASTER DUCKLAIR AND YOU KNOW THAT FEW THINGS ARE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM! WE HAD TO BE HERE AT THIS MOMENT!
NEITHER DISTANCE, TIME OR THAT DOME OF ENERGY WOULD HAVE STOPPED US!
I KNOW VERY WELL THE NATURE OF THE BLACK RAY AND THAT IT COULDN'T WITHSTAND THE ELEMENTAL DISSOCIATOR...
HE INVENTED IT WHILE WE WERE ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE! AS YOU CAN SEE, IT WORKED PERFECTLY!
LET'S GATHER UP THESE PEOPLE AND GO SOMEWHERE SAFER...
"... WE HAVE MANY THINGS TO TALK ABOUT!"


UPDATE COMPLETED! I AM NOW REUNITED TO THE CENTRAL SYSTEM!
YOU'VE DONE GOOD WORK, CUSTODIAN! YOU HAVE DEFENDED THE TOWER WITH EXTRA-ORDINARY INITIATIVE! AND COMPLIMENTS ON THE SUIT! IT OOZES TASTE AND PERSONALITY!
THANK YOU, MR. DUCK-LAIR!
I GOT AN IDEA FOR A NEW SERIES OF ANDROIDS! TAKE NOTES FOR THE MODELS OF CLASS Y, ONE! OUR MR. HECKS WILL BE A GREAT PROTOTYPE!
EVOLVED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES WITH A WEAKNESS FOR FASHION! WHAT AN INTERESTING PARADOX!
DON'T BE JEALOUS, OLD PAL! GET YOURSELF A NECK AND I'LL GET YOU A NECKTIE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY!
I MISSED YOUR QUESTIONABLE SENSE OF HUMOR! NOW I REALLY FEEL AT HOME!
IF CIRCUMSTANCES WEREN'T SO COMPLEX, THIS WOULD MAKE FOR A NICE PARTY! I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU ALL HERE!
HE HE! EVEN IN THE STORM, THE WISE MAN KNOWS TO APPRECIATE A ROSE'S SMELL...


THERE IS A STORM COMING, BUT THIS TIME WE HAVE AN UMBRELLA! HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GET HERE?
THANKS TO THE COMMAND OF THE OMEGA CHAMBER, AVENGER!
PRESSING THE BUTTON THAT TRANSPORTED THE TOWER INTO THE PENTADIMENSION TRANSMITTED A SIGNAL PROGRAMMED TO REACH ME!
I KNEW IF THAT MESSAGE EVER ARRIVED THAT I WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO DISCOVER WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE CITY!
RETURN FROM WHERE?
I LEFT EARTH FOR CORONA, REMEMBER? I HAD FAMILY AFFAIRS TO RESOLVE AND, WELL...
"... THIS TIME, THINGS DID NOT GO AS I HAD EXPECTED!"


"I'VE SPENT THE LAST YEARS OF MY LIFE STRUGGLING TO SAVE MY PLANET WHILE LIVING AS AN OUTLAW, HUNTED DOWN BY MY PEOPLE..."
"I THOUGHT THAT MOLDROCK WOULD BE THE WORST EVIL... BUT THEN MY DAUGHTER JUNIPER BECAME THE NEW QUEEN OF CORONA!"
"THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR MESSAGE IMPOSED A TRUCE IN OUR LONG BATTLE AND ON THE COURSE TO EARTH WE DETECTED A FAMILIAR TRACE..."

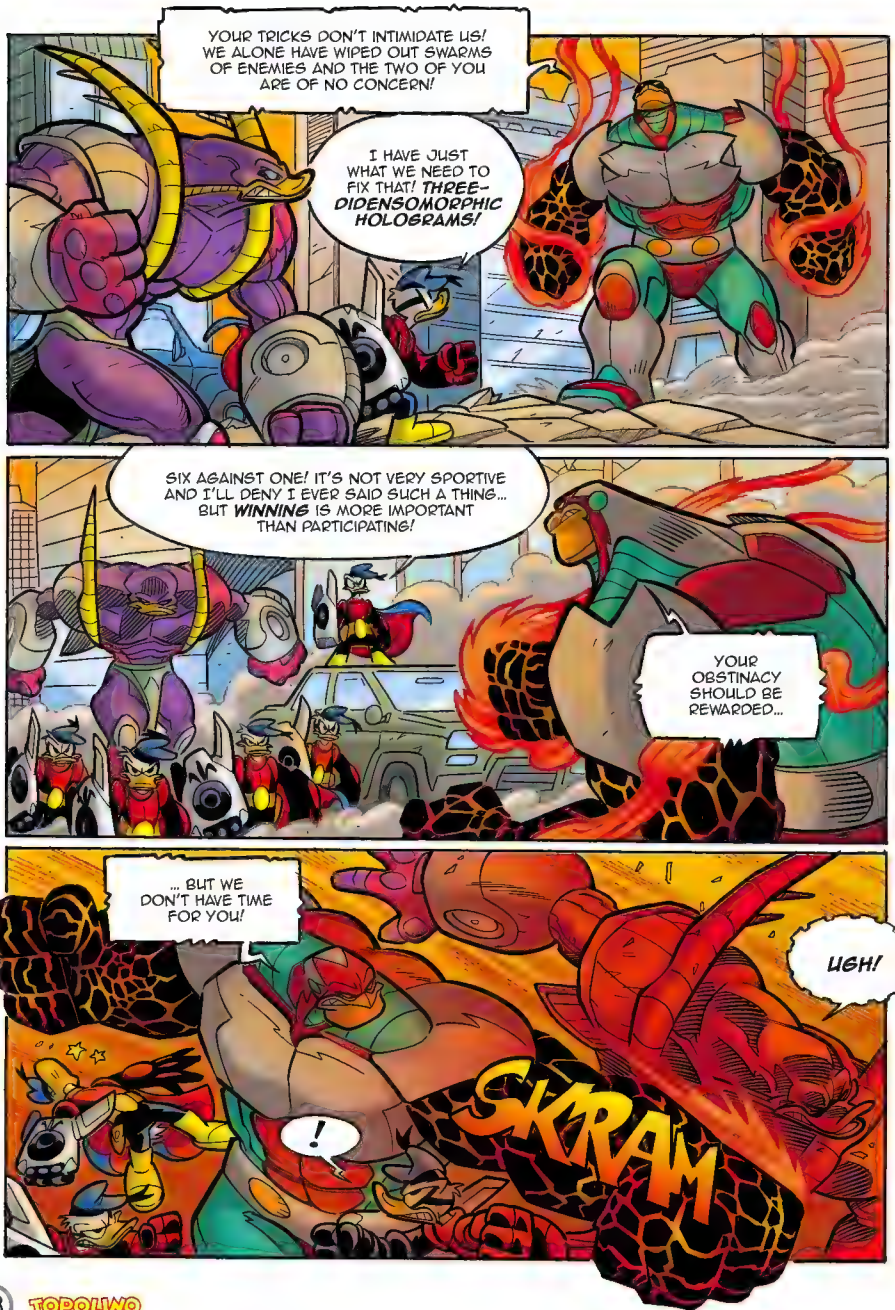
"THERE WAS DUCKLAIR TECHNOLOGY ON AN ARTIFICIAL PLANETOID! THAT IS HOW WE CAME TO THE WELL, WHERE AN INTERESTING STORY AWAITED US..."
THE GROZSNAZ PREDATORS TOLD US OF YOUR SPACE TRIP AND WITH THEM WE SAVED GENERAL TRAUMA DESPITE THE POOR COOPERATION OF OUR HOST...
PUT THE DETAILS ON HOLD, ONE! YOU CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME AND THAT'S WHAT MATTERS!
LET US PREPARE, THEN! THE BATTLE CAN NO LONGER WAIT!
I ONLY HOPE THAT WHEN ALL THIS IS OVER, THE DRAGON THAT HAS AWAKENED WILL THEN GO BACK TO SLEEPING!
EVERETT DUCKLAIR! FINALLY!

THAT IS A CORONIAN SHIP! WE WERE CERTAIN THAT TRAITOR WAS HIDING SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE!
FOOLISH EARTHLINGS! THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT LIE TO US FROM THE VERY BEGINNING... AND NOW, DEVASTATION WILL COME TO THEM! BUT REMEMBER...
... DUCKLAIR IS OURS ONLY!
DON'T BE SELFISH, MOLDROCK! EVERYONE CAN GET A PIECE!
!
WOOOOOOSH
SMASH

EVERETT'S HERE AND HAS BROUGHT SOME SURPRISES! SWEETS FOR THOSE WHO'VE BEEN GOOD... AND KNUCKLE SANDWICHES FOR YOUR ILK!
ZOOOM
URRRGH!
I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU TOO, DUCK...
YEOW!
SHOOOMMM
... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
VERY GENEROUS ON YOUR PART!
I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO KIND TO MY ENEMIES!
AAAAAAAGH!
AAAAAH! PULL ME UP! I'M SLIPPING! HELP ME! DON'T LET ME FALL INTO THE ABYSS!
NO ONE WILL LEND YOU A HAND! GIVE IN! PLUMMET!

ON YOUR FEET, EGOR! YOU ARE BEING DECEIVED! NONE OF IT'S TRUE!
SKRAAAM
!
CRUNCH
DOES THIS FEEL REAL ENOUGH FOR YOU?
YOUR COMPANION IS STRONG, BUT THERE WILL BE NO HOPE ONCE GORAZ AND RAGNAR GET HERE...
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? WELL, I GOT BAD NEWS FOR YOU!
WHOOOMP
I'M AFRAID YOUR FRIENDS WON'T MAKE IT, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SAD...
... BECAUSE IN ONE SECOND YOU WILL GO KEEP THEM COMPANY!

PERFECT TIMING, PRIOR! NOT THAT I'M SURPRISED! THIS IS ONE OF EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S PLANS!
HUH? WHERE ARE WE, OLD MAN?
AT THE DOOR TO THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE THAT HAS BEEN REOPENED TO YOU!
GOODBYE, WARRIORS! I HOPE THE TIME YOU SPEND IN THIS PLACE WILL HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHTEOUS PATH...
NO! GET BACK HERE!
COME BACK!
SHARKAN! EGOR!


YOUR TRICKS DON'T INTIMIDATE US! WE ALONE HAVE WIPED OUT SWARMS OF ENEMIES AND THE TWO OF YOU ARE OF NO CONCERN!
I HAVE JUST WHAT WE NEED TO FIX THAT! THREE-DIDENSOMORPHIC HOLOGRAMS!
SIX AGAINST ONE! IT'S NOT VERY SPORTIVE AND I'LL DENY I EVER SAID SUCH A THING... BUT WINNING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PARTICIPATING!
YOUR OBSTINACY SHOULD BE REWARDED...
... BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU!
UGH!
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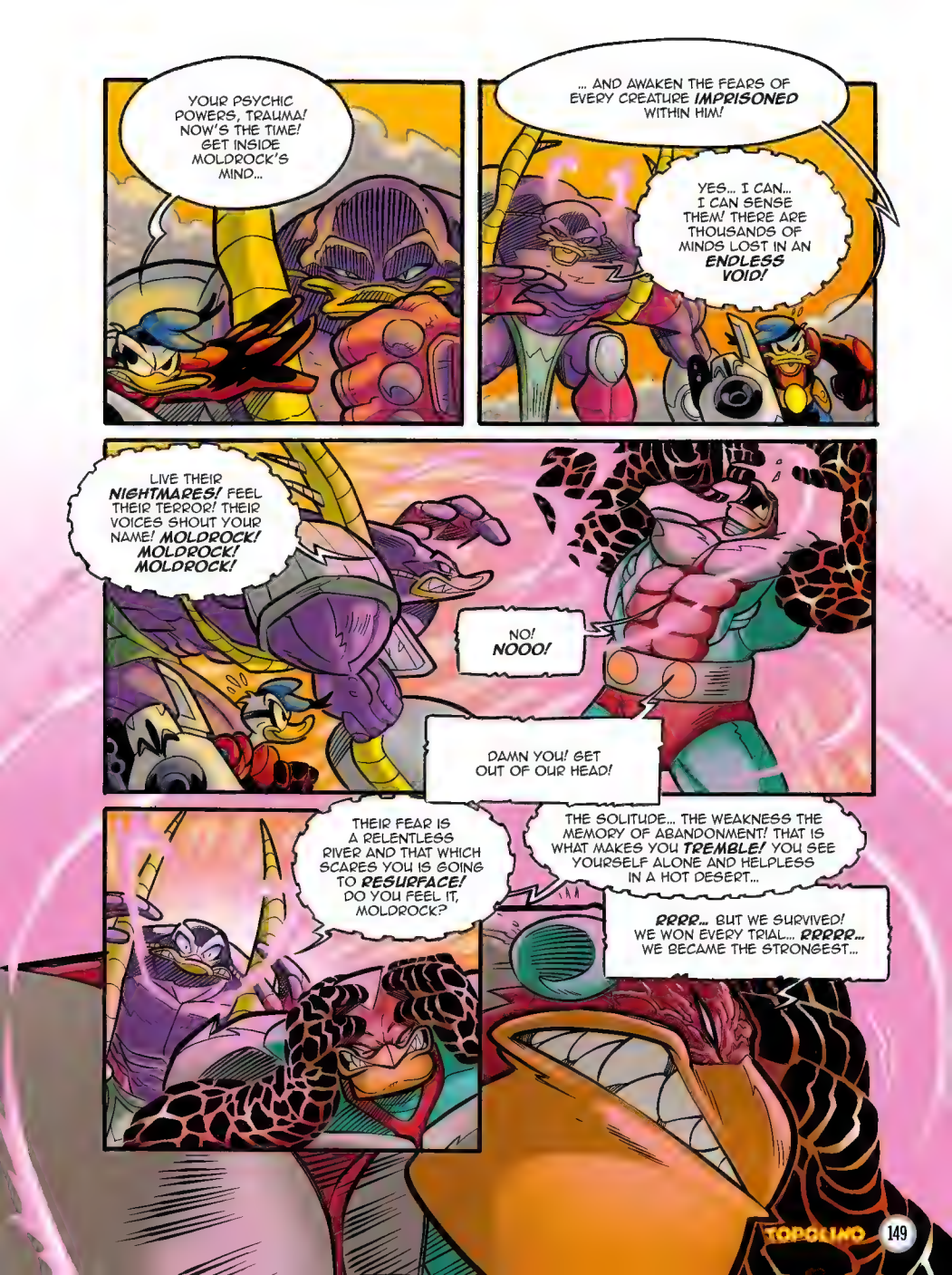
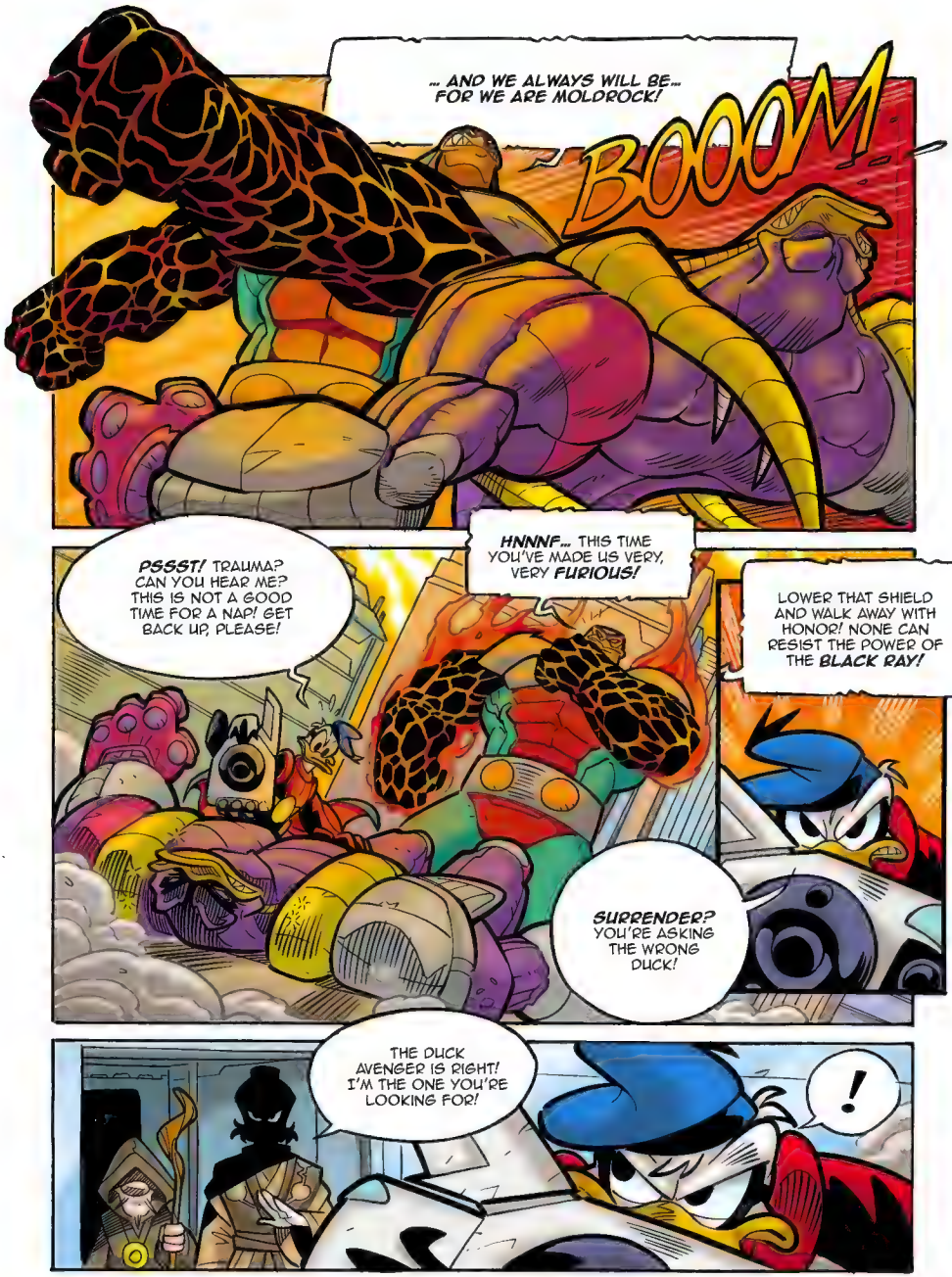
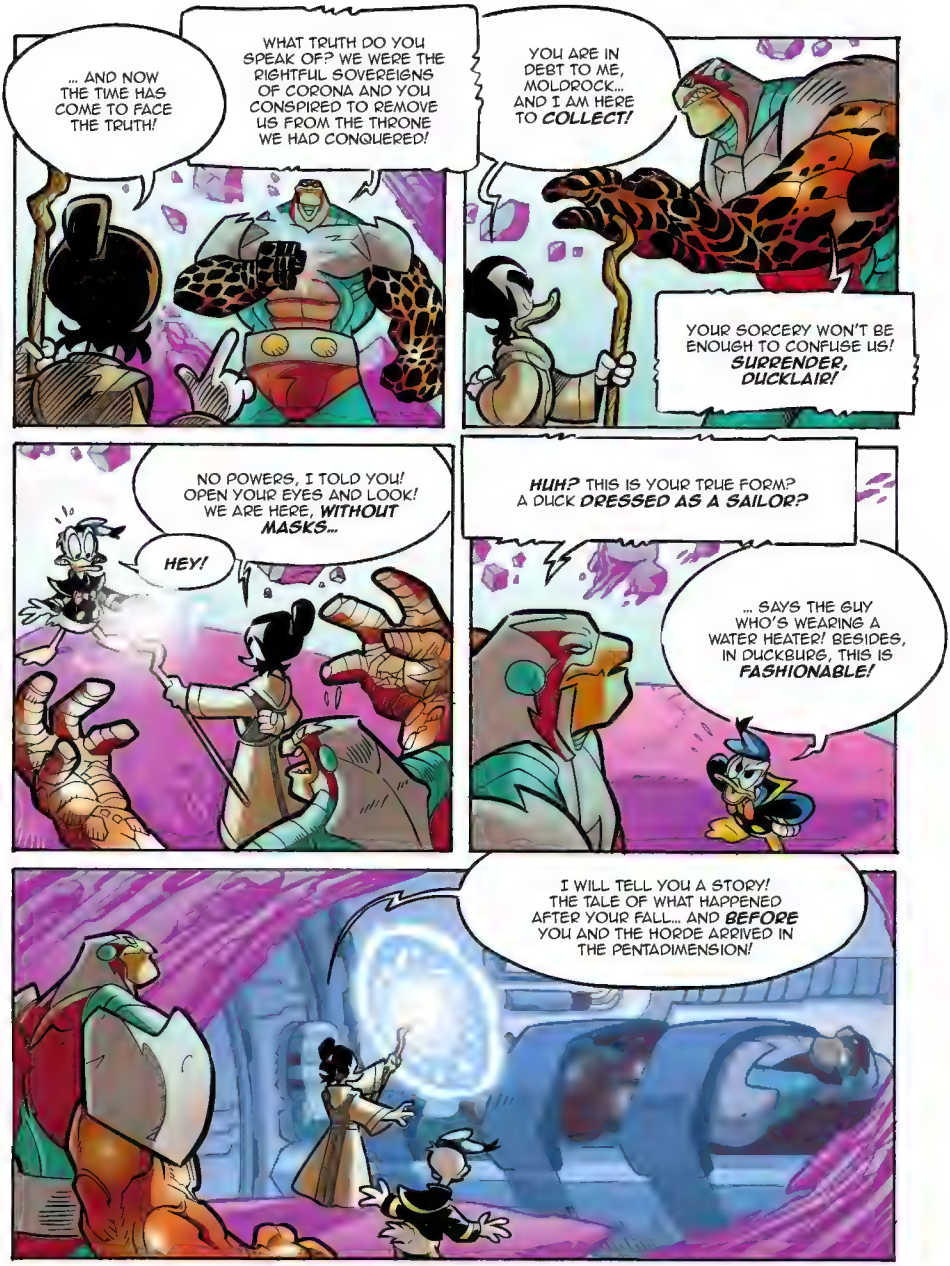
SKRAM


YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS, TRAUMA! NOW'S THE TIME! GET INSIDE MOLDROCK'S MIND...
... AND AWAKEN THE FEARS OF EVERY CREATURE IMPRISONED WITHIN HIM!
YES... I CAN... I CAN SENSE THEM! THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MINDS LOST IN AN ENDLESS VOID!
LIVE THEIR NIGHTMARES! FEEL THEIR TERROR! THEIR VOICES SHOUT YOUR NAME! MOLDROCK! MOLDROCK! MOLDROCK!
NO! NOOO!
DAMN YOU! GET OUT OF OUR HEAD!
THEIR FEAR IS A RELENTLESS RIVER AND THAT WHICH SCARES YOU IS GOING TO RESURFACE! DO YOU FEEL IT, MOLDROCK?
THE SOLITUDE... THE WEAKNESS THE MEMORY OF ABANDONMENT! THAT IS WHAT MAKES YOU TREMBLE! YOU SEE YOURSELF ALONE AND HELPLESS IN A HOT DESERT...
RRRR... BUT WE SURVIVED! WE WON EVERY TRIAL... RRRRR... WE BECAME THE STRONGEST...


... AND WE ALWAYS WILL BE... FOR WE ARE MOLDROCK!
BOOOM
PSSST! TRAUMA? CAN YOU HEAR ME? THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME FOR A NAP! GET BACK UP, PLEASE!
HNNNF... THIS TIME YOU'VE MADE US VERY, VERY FURIOUS!
LOWER THAT SHIELD AND WALK AWAY WITH HONOR! NONE CAN RESIST THE POWER OF THE BLACK RAY!
SURRENDER? YOU'RE ASKING THE WRONG DUCK!
THE DUCK AVENGER IS RIGHT! I'M THE ONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!
!

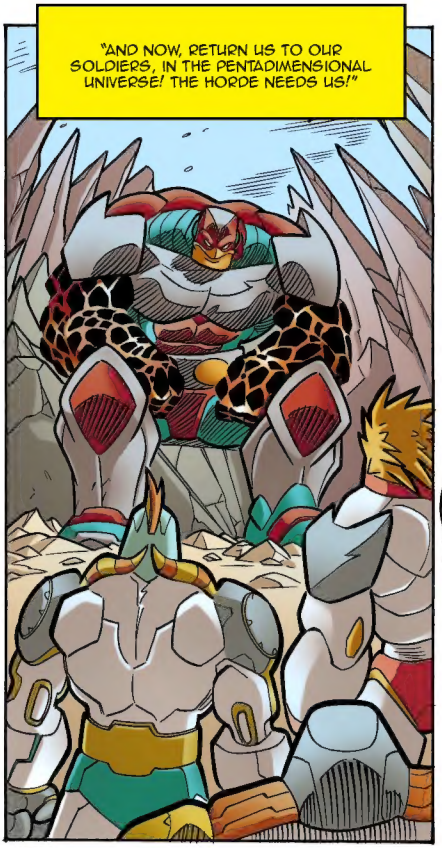
EVERETT! LONG HAVE WE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT! GRAB A WEAPON AND DEFEND YOURSELF... OR FLEE LIKE A COWARD!
NO, MOLDROCK! I'M TIRED OF YOUR SENSELESS RAGE!
THIS TIME I WON'T USE WEAPONS AGAINST YOU BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED THEM WHERE WE'RE GOING...
THE STAFF, SLEEPING DRAGON!
... AND YOUR BLACK RAY WILL HAVE NO EFFECT!
TAP
ON THIS DIMENSIONAL PLANE, ENERGY HAS OTHER FORMS AND ELEMENTS DON'T RESPOND TO YOUR WILL! THIS IS THE KINGDOM OF DHASAM-BUL...


... AND NOW THE TIME HAS COME TO FACE THE TRUTH!
WHAT TRUTH DO YOU SPEAK OF? WE WERE THE RIGHTFUL SOVEREIGNS OF CORONA AND YOU CONSPIRED TO REMOVE US FROM THE THRONE WE HAD CONQUERED!
YOU ARE IN DEBT TO ME, MOLDROCK... AND I AM HERE TO COLLECT!
YOUR SORCERY WON'T BE ENOUGH TO CONFUSE US! SURRENDER, DUCKLAIR!
NO POWERS, I TOLD YOU! OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK! WE ARE HERE, WITHOUT MASKS...
HEY!
HUH? THIS IS YOUR TRUE FORM? A DUCK DRESSED AS A SAILOR?
... SAYS THE GUY WHO'S WEARING A WATER HEATER! BESIDES, IN DUCKBURG, THIS IS FASHIONABLE!
I WILL TELL YOU A STORY! THE TALE OF WHAT HAPPENED AFTER YOUR FALL... AND BEFORE YOU AND THE HORDE ARRIVED IN THE PENTADIMENSION!

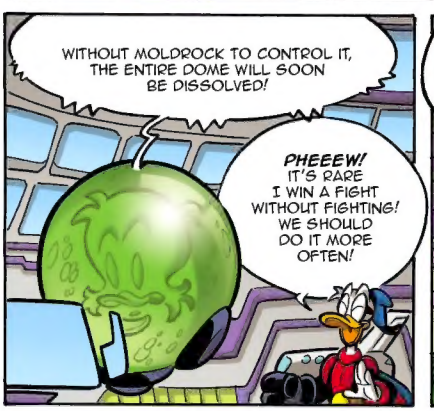
YOU ALL SLEPT IN THE DEPTHS OF A SECRET LAB ON CORONA, IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION...
THE TASK WHICH I HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED WAS TO WATCH OVER YOU AND FIND A REMEDY TO CONTAIN AND CONTROL THE ENERGY OF THE BLACK RAY!
A COMPLEX ENDEAVOR, EVEN FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME! THAT'S THE REASON I DEVELOPED THE NEGATACHYON, THE ANTI-TIME PARTICLE...
IN A CONDITION OF SUSPENDED TIME, I COULD HAVE WORKED ON A SOLUTION WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT SEASONS AND YEARS! I MADE A CHOICE, MOLDROCK...
... AND I RENOUNCED MY LIFE TO PROTECT MY PLANET FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

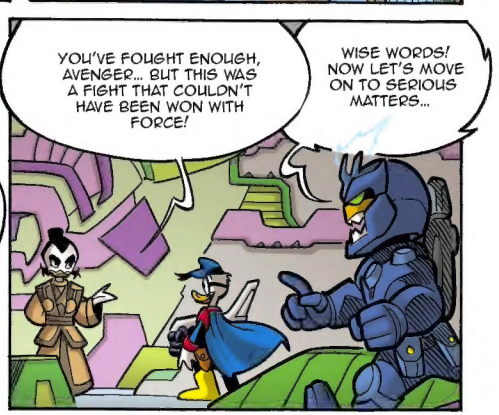
I SAW GENERATIONS PASS BY AS I WAS CONFINED IN THAT LABORATORY! I SAW CORONA BECOME A LAND OF PROGRESS AND WONDERS, A NEW WORLD...
... AND ONE DAY I SAW SERIFA... WHO WOULD BECOME MY WIFE! FOR HER I HID MY PAST, BECOMING DR. DUCKLAIR...
... BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, DIRECTOR OF THE SPACE RESEARCH CENTER AND ESTEEMED PILLAR OF CORONIAN SOCIETY!
I MADE ANOTHER IMPORTANT CHOICE AND IT WOULDN'T BE THE LAST! QUEEN ARTANA VI DECREED THAT MY PROJECT WAS TO END...
NO MORE SUSPENDED TIME, NO MORE RESEARCH ON THE BLACK RAY!
THE PEOPLE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED FOR YOUR EXECUTION! AFTER CENTURIES, CORONA WOULD BE FREE OF YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!

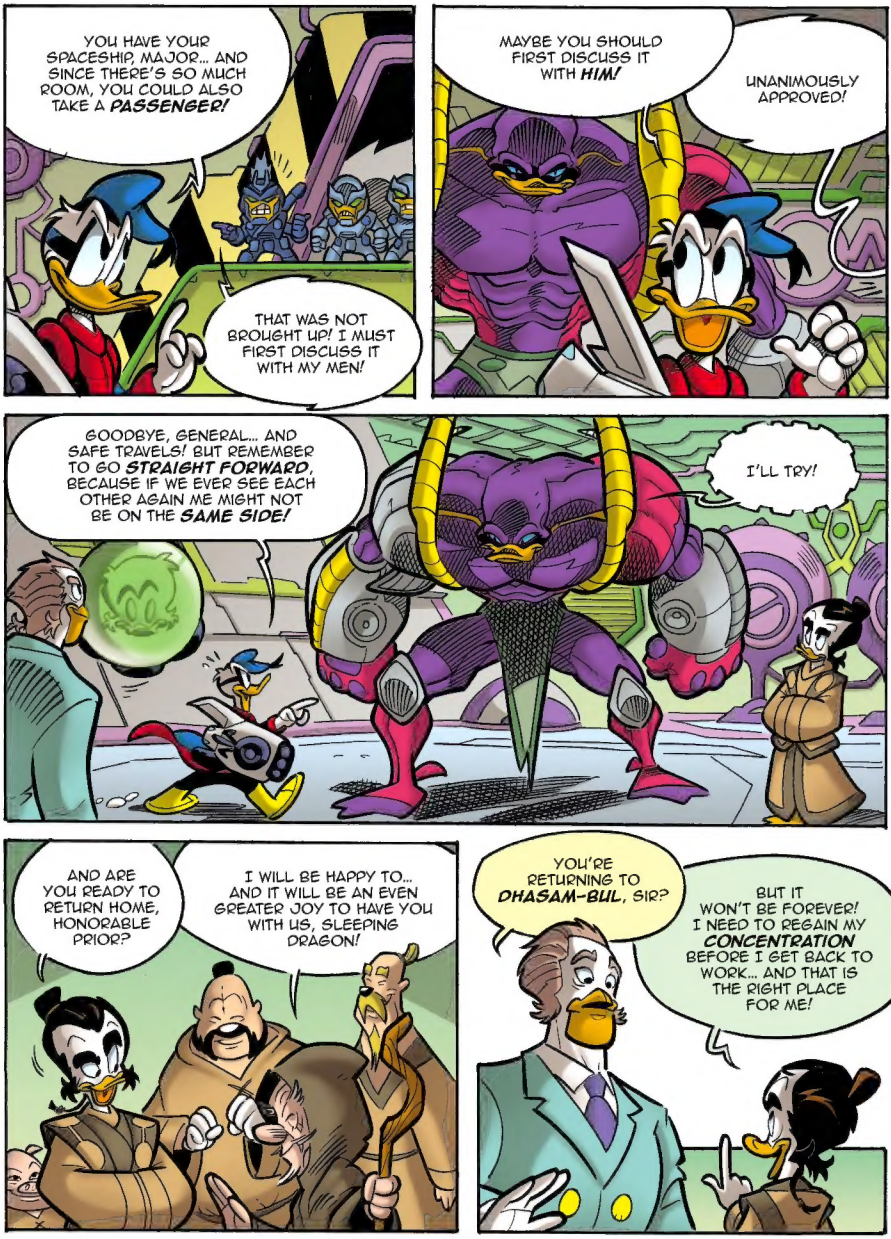
I WOULD NEVER ACCEPT SUCH A THING... AND I WOULD NOT LET MY DAUGHTERS GROW UP IN A REIGN OF INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION!
YOU... YOU SAVED OUR LIFE?
I LEFT CORONA HEADING FOR EARTH, WHERE I CREATED THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE WHERE YOU AND YOUR WARRIORS WOULD BE SECURE...
BECAUSE OF YOU I HAVE LIVED A LIFE I MAY NEVER HAVE WANTED! IT'S COST ME MUCH, BUT NOW YOU CAN RETURN THE FAVOR...
RENOUNCE YOUR VENGEANCE, MOLDROCK!
WE WILL GIVE THOUGHT TO YOUR WORDS, WE PROMISE YOU THAT!

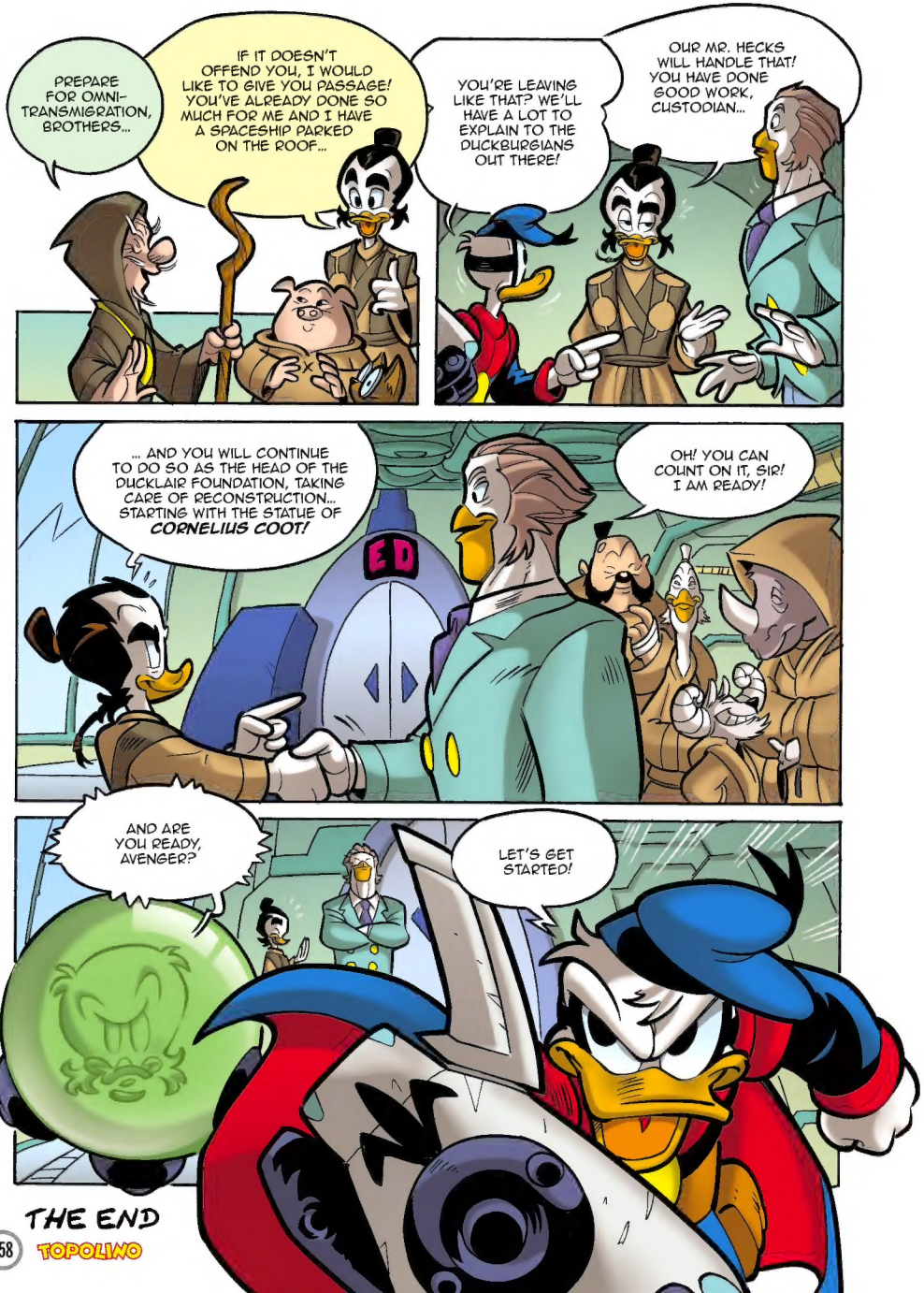

"AND NOW, RETURN US TO OUR SOLDIERS, IN THE PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE! THE HORDE NEEDS US!"

THE BARRIER IS SLOWLY DISAPPEARING!


WITHOUT MOLDROCK TO CONTROL IT, THE ENTIRE DOME WILL SOON BE DISSOLVED!
PHEEEW! IT'S RARE I WIN A FIGHT WITHOUT FIGHTING! WE SHOULD DO IT MORE OFTEN!


YOU'VE FOUGHT ENOUGH, AVENGER... BUT THIS WAS A FIGHT THAT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WON WITH FORCE!
WISE WORDS! NOW LET'S MOVE ON TO SERIOUS MATTERS...


YOU HAVE YOUR SPACESHIP, MAJOR... AND SINCE THERE'S SO MUCH ROOM, YOU COULD ALSO TAKE A PASSENGER!
THAT WAS NOT BROUGHT UP! I MUST FIRST DISCUSS IT WITH MY MEN!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD FIRST DISCUSS IT WITH HIM!
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED!
GOODBYE, GENERAL... AND SAFE TRAVELS! BUT REMEMBER TO GO STRAIGHT FORWARD, BECAUSE IF WE EVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN ME MIGHT NOT BE ON THE SAME SIDE!
I'LL TRY!
AND ARE YOU READY TO RETURN HOME, HONORABLE PRIOR?
I WILL BE HAPPY TO... AND IT WILL BE AN EVEN GREATER JOY TO HAVE YOU WITH US, SLEEPING DRAGON!
YOU'RE RETURNING TO DHASAM-BUL, SIR?
BUT IT WON'T BE FOREVER! I NEED TO REGAIN MY CONCENTRATION BEFORE I GET BACK TO WORK... AND THAT IS THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ME!


PREPARE FOR OMNI-TRANSMIGRATION, BROTHERS...
IF IT DOESN'T OFFEND YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU PASSAGE! YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH FOR ME AND I HAVE A SPACESHIP PARKED ON THE ROOF...
YOU'RE LEAVING LIKE THAT? WE'LL HAVE A LOT TO EXPLAIN TO THE DUCKBURGIANS OUT THERE!
OUR MR. HECKS WILL HANDLE THAT! YOU HAVE DONE GOOD WORK, CUSTODIAN...
... AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS THE HEAD OF THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION, TAKING CARE OF RECONSTRUCTION... STARTING WITH THE STATUE OF CORNELIUS COOT!
OH! YOU CAN COUNT ON IT, SIR! I AM READY!
AND ARE YOU READY, AVENGER?
LET'S GET STARTED!
THE END